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A REASON TO CARE

IN SOME WAYS, professional wrestling has received more attention over the past few months than in any other time in recent history. In other ways, it has never been more neglected.

Lost in the discussion of all that is wrong with the industry since the Chris Benoit tragedy is a reminder of all that is right. For all its problems, professional wrestling is a product that—in its purest form—can elicit impassioned cheers, vehement boos, and tears of laughter and sadness. It can feature thrilling athleticism to rival that of any other sport, and a kind of moving, human drama that would make Hollywood producers envious.

That product—that art form—is at the core of the pages that follow. Each year, the “PWI 500” ranks the achievements of the performers who make this business worth caring about, because they care about it as well.

The embodiment of that notion may come in this year’s number-one ranked wrestler, John Cena—the youngest wrestler ever to achieve the top ranking two years in a row, and only the third overall wrestler with that distinction in the 17-year history of the “PWI 500.” Despite being reviled by a large percentage of WWE’s audience, Cena has worked tirelessly to improve himself, and made strides as both a performer and a spokesman for the industry. With his never-surrender perseverance, “The Champ” proved he cared deeply about the sport he loved since he was a child.

And throughout the 499 subsequent entries are reminders of why we care about the sport. Diminutive dynamo Místico continued to wow lucha libre audiences, and earned the highest-ranking ever for a Mexican star. After nearly a full year on prime time television, Total Nonstop Action continues to grow in its influence, and is well represented in the “PWI 500,” earning a pair of top 10 spots. And the back-to-basics approach of Ring of Honor helped the fast-rising promotion break into the national video-on-demand market this year and also helped the group secure a top 10 spot for its imposing heavyweight champion.

If the “PWI 500” is any indication, pro wrestling also continues to thrive in independent promotions throughout the country, many of which are represented in the rankings.

But the lessons of the past several months of mainstream coverage have not been completely lost in the compilation of this year’s list. Adding fuel to the argument that WWE performers are overworked is the fact that all but one of the

company’s five wrestlers in the Top 10—Cena—are currently sidelined with significant injuries.

Other perennially top-ranked stars, such as Triple-H and Rey Mysterio Jr., spent so much time out with injuries that they received unusually low rankings or were left off altogether. The latter are found in the “Farewell To The 500,” along with a “DL” designation.

Some wrestlers were unranked for other reasons, including deaths. Such was the case with Benoit, an undisputedly talented performer and former number one.

Other performers had moderately disappointing years for other reasons. Former top-ranked Batista—who remained a focal point of the Smackdown brand and even wore its world title in the past year—missed the top 10 after repeated failed bids to reclaim the belt. Last year’s number-four ranked Samoa Joe dropped off the top 10 after coming up short in various NWA and TNA World title matches and in his feud with Kurt Angle. And, but for Takeshi Morishima, who achieved his ranking mostly for his ROH accomplishments, no Japan-based wrestler broke the top 10 this year.

In some cases, no in-ring achievement could outweigh the shortcomings of some wrestlers. Despite wearing the Smackdown World title belt, the limited Great Khali did not break even the top 100. As well, ECW’s top stars, and even its reigning champion, have not faced the level of competition to earn significantly high rankings.

Here is a reminder of the criteria used for ranking the “PWI 500,” which is based on a grading period of August 2006 to July 2007.

- Win-loss record
- Technical ability
- Influence on the sport
- Success against the highest grade of competition
- Success against the most diverse competition
- Activity

As always, remember to send us your feedback at “PWI 500,” P.O. Box 1148, Fort Washington, PA 19034, or by e-mail at PWI500@kappapublishing.com (please write “PWI 500” in the subject field). And, more importantly, remember—pro wrestling is worth caring about. We do, and so do the following 500 athletes.

1 JOHN CENA

(6’3”, 260, 7, 1)

PATH TO NUMBER 1: 281 in 2001, 46 in 2002, 12 in 2003, 7 in 2004, 2 in 2005, 1 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Made Shawn Michaels tap out in the main event of WrestleMania 23.
2. Beat the previously undefeated Umaga in two consecutive pay-per-view matches.
3. Made The Great Khali submit at Judgment Day, then FU’ed the giant for a pinfall victory at One Night Stand.
4. Scored a pinfall victory against Bobby Lashley at the Great American Bash.
5. Teamed with Shawn Michaels to capture the Raw World tag team championship from Randy Orton and Edge.

WHY HE’S NUMBER 1: Not since the days of “Hulkamania” has there been such a dominant world champion in WWE ... But for two brief lapses, totaling just over a month, he has held either the Raw World or Smackdown World title since April 2005, and, in June, became the longest-reigning WWE champion in 12 years ... Has turned back each and every challenge, along the way scoring decisive victories against seeming impenetrable foes ... Has vastly expanded his wrestling repertoire, to the point that against lumbering opponents, he can still have a good match, and against talented adversaries, he is capable of a great one.

WHERE HE’S HEADED: Cena appears downright invincible, and stands a good chance of boasting the longest WWE world title reign in 20 years. Cena has been an absolute godsend to WWE, both for his efforts inside the ring and out. Although his cheering section still predominantly consists of high-pitched voices, even Cena’s biggest detractors have gained respect for “The Champ’s” fighting heart. Through his appearance in movies, talk shows, and television commercials, he is WWE’s best bet for a breakout mainstream star since The Rock. In the wake of the media assault that followed the Chris Benoit tragedy, it was Cena that WWE sent to represent the company on *Larry King Live*, and he did so with class and dignity. WWE is lucky to have him.

2 EDGE

(6’4”, 240, 14, 3)

PATH TO NUMBER 2: 254 in 1997, 67 in 1998, 83 in 1999, 51 in 2000, 20 in 2001, 7 in 2002, 34 in 2003, 59 in 2004, 8 in 2005, 3 in 2006

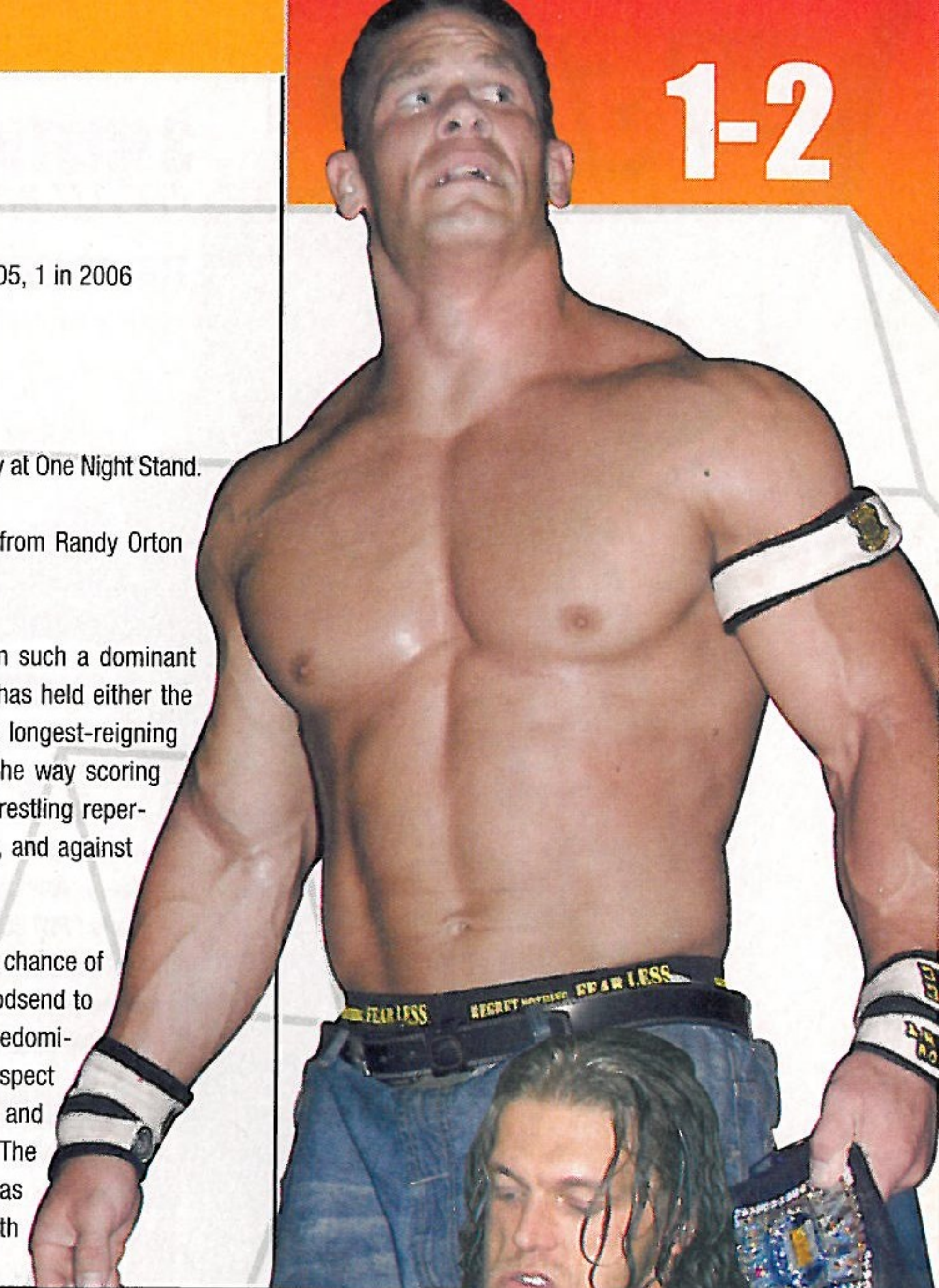
TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Jumped from Raw and defeated The Undertaker for the Smackdown World championship on his first night there.
2. Retained the Smackdown World title against Batista in a cage match at One Night Stand.
3. Outsmarted Ken Kennedy to win a “Money In The Bank” title shot.
4. Retained the Smackdown World title against Batista in what was dubbed a “Do Or Die” match at Vengeance.
5. Teamed with Randy Orton to beat Ric Flair and Roddy Piper for the Raw World tag team championship.

WHY HE’S NUMBER 2: When Smackdown was reeling from injuries that sidelined several of its top stars, it was the “Rated-R Superstar” that was called upon to carry the brand on his shoulders, and he more than rose to the occasion ... Defeated Batista at three consecutive pay-per-view events to retain the Smackdown World championship ... His Rated RKO tandem with Randy Orton put an end to DeGeneration X by putting Triple-H out of action for most of 2007 ... Considered by many to be WWE’s true MVP.

WHERE HE’S HEADED: Unfortunately, Edge’s red-hot 2007 might have come to a premature end when he sustained an injury during a brawl with Kane that would sideline him for at least four months. He will likely return to a long line of foes looking to settle scores, including The Undertaker, Batista, Ken Kennedy, and Kane. After years of climbing the mid-card ranks to eke his way into a main-event position, Edge has cemented his place as not only one of WWE’s top stars, but arguably its best all-around performer. And, as is often the case with wrestling’s most sinister bad guys, Edge has all the tools to win fans over and possibly be one of WWE’s most popular heroes in 2008.

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3 MISTICO

(5'7", 177, 8, 5)

PATH TO NUMBER 3: 18 in 2005, 5 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the mask of Black Warrior last September.
2. Emerged victorious in his second consecutive Leyenda de Plata tournament, beating Mr. Aguila in June.
3. Won the mask of Skayde in April.
4. Recaptured the CMLL tag title with Negro Casas from Dr. Wagner Jr. and Ultimo Guerrero in July.
5. Teamed with La Sombra to win the 2007 Gran Alternativa tournament.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 3: Believe it or not, Mistico might have finished higher in this year's ranking if not for a shoulder injury he picked up in the spring of 2007 that slowed his undeniable momentum. ... Even though he missed very little time, he's been taking shortcuts in matches to protect himself while maintaining the busiest schedule in all of wrestling—an average of 10 matches per week ... When he's at his best, it's arguable that there are none finer, but Mistico hasn't been at his best since injuring his shoulder ... Although he's won major tournaments this year, racked up titles, and won four masks since last year's "PWI 500," his merciless schedule may be his undoing ... As the biggest drawing act in Mexico right now, there's a lot of pressure on Mistico to be everywhere and to perform ... His attendance record shows just how valuable he is to arena owners, and the record-breaking crowds that turn out to see even his most insignificant matches would make WWE house show promoters blush.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: If Mistico can remain healthy, he could be headed to the top spot of the "PWI 500" next year, which would make him the first luchador to ever do so. Despite his injured shoulder, Mistico continues to draw thousands upon thousands of fans all over Mexico to his matches. He's gone virtually unbeaten over the past two years, losing only about one percent of his total matches on record with the lucha commission. Who else can make claim to a stellar track record like that?

4 KURT ANGLE

(6'1", 233, 8, 2)

PATH TO NUMBER 4: 13 in 2000, 1 in 2001, 6 in 2002, 3 in 2003, 36 in 2004, 6 in 2005, 2 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Surprised the pro wrestling world by making his TNA debut in September 2006.
2. Bested Samoa Joe, A.J. Styles, Chris Harris, and Christian Cage to win the vacant TNA World championship at Slammiversary.
3. Retained the TNA World title and IWGP 3rd belt against Samoa Joe while capturing the TNA World tag team and X division championships in a "Winner Takes All" match at Hard Justice.
4. Defeated Brock Lesnar for the IWGP 3rd belt in June.
5. Defeated Samoa Joe in their dream match at Genesis 2006.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 4: Pro wrestling's only Olympic gold medallist has made quite the "impact" on TNA over the past year ... From his first appearance in a TNA ring, raised the profile of TNA to a viable home for wrestling's biggest stars ... His feud with Samoa Joe was the talk of the wrestling world, and provided its share of thrilling matches ... With his win of the TNA World championship and the IWGP 3rd belt, Angle appears to be having more fun and getting more fulfillment than he has in years.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: For all of his self-congratulatory ways, Angle's ultimate goal in TNA is not nearly as self-centered. Having been openly bitter about his departure from WWE in 2006, nothing would please Angle more than to lead TNA in becoming a serious competitor against WWE—perhaps even in a rekindled "Monday Night War." Nonetheless, there is still plenty that Angle wants to accomplish inside the six-sided ring and maybe even the octagon. A rematch with Brock Lesnar—this time under MMA rules—would be a landmark in fighting history.

5 THE UNDERTAKER

(6'10", 304, 18, 59)

PATH TO NUMBER 5: 21 in 1992, 46 in 1993, 23 in 1994, 14 in 1995, 19 in 1996, 6 in 1997, 5 in 1998, 8 in 1999, NL in 2000, 11 in 2001, 2 in 2002, 18 in 2003, 23 in 2004, 26 in 2005, 59 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Extended his winning streak to 15-0 at WrestleMania when he beat Batista for the Smackdown World championship.
2. Won his first Royal Rumble to earn a championship match at WrestleMania 23.
3. Defeated Ken Kennedy in a brutal "Last Ride" match at Armageddon in December.
4. Battled Batista to a draw in a grueling last-man-standing Smackdown World title match at Backlash.
5. Wrestled to another draw against Batista in another title defense—a steel cage encounter—on Smackdown in May.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 5: Had arguably the hottest streak of his career in the first third of 2007—at age 42 and with nearly a quarter-century ring experience ... His battle with Shawn Michaels in the final minutes of the Royal Rumble had fans on the edge of their seats ... Helped deliver one of the best matches of the year against the finesse-challenged Batista at WrestleMania 23 ... The once-plodding "gimmick" attraction has become one of WWE's best submission wrestlers and strikers.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Like so many others that have fallen prey to the Smackdown World championship curse, the "Dead Man's" astounding momentum was stopped cold by an injury that forced him onto the disabled list. Approaching his mid-40s, it may be tempting to write him off as being near the end of his career, but 'Taker has truly only gotten better with age. His innovative blending of mixed martial arts with traditional pro wrestling have inspired wrestlers half his age, and allows The Undertaker to keep reinventing himself and keep his act fresh. And perhaps as valuable as any championship in pro wrestling is Undertaker's remarkable WrestleMania winning streak. A star will be born the day the streak ends.

6 SHAWN MICHAELS

(6', 217, 24, 9)

PATH TO NUMBER 6: 37 in 1991, 16 in 1992, 3 in 1993, 5 in 1994, 1 in 1996, 18 in 1997, 49 in 1998, NL in 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002, 32 in 2003, 9 in 2004, 34 in 2005, 9 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Raw World champion John Cena in a classic 56-minute non-title televised match in April.
2. Competed in the main event of WrestleMania 23 against John Cena.
3. Defeated Edge and Randy Orton in a three-way match to earn a Raw World championship match at WrestleMania.
4. Teamed with John Cena to win the Raw World tag team championship.
5. Was the last man eliminated in the 2007 Royal Rumble.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 6: In his 23rd year as a pro, he remains one of the most exciting performers in all of wrestling ... Headlined his fifth WrestleMania at the age of 41 ... His DeGeneration X reunion with Triple-H was one of WWE's hottest acts in the second half of 2006, dominating the tag team division ... His feud against and partnership with John Cena helped elevate the young star in the eyes of fans ... His superkick is as sudden and deadly as ever.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: In gambling terms, Shawn Michaels remains WWE's one "sure thing"—sure to give it his all every time he steps through the ropes, and sure to put on, at the very least, an above-average match against nearly any opponent. Michaels has cemented his position as not only one of the best performers in pro wrestling today, but legitimately earned his way into the conversation about the very best of all-time. His gutsy approach to competition unfortunately caused his year to end early, as he further exasperated nagging injuries when he tried to tough it out in a match against Randy Orton at Judgment Day. But there is little doubt that when Michaels makes his comeback, he will bring with him the dedication to return the very top of his profession.



7 CHRISTIAN CAGE

(6'1", 225, 12, 12)

PATH TO NUMBER 7: 268 in 1997, 80 in 1998, 90 in 1999, 57 in 2000, 29 in 2001, 47 in 2002, 28 in 2003, 31 in 2004, 30 in 2005, 12 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Sting and Abyss in a three-way match to capture his second NWA title at Final Resolution.
2. Defeated Kurt Angle to retain the NWA World championship at Against All Odds.
3. Scored a pinfall victory over Samoa Joe in an NWA World title match at Destination X.
4. Formed The Christian Coalition, and led them into battle at Lockdown.
5. Beat Rhino in a grueling "Eight-Mile Streetfight" at Bound for Glory.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 7: Has remained arguably TNA's most reviled villain throughout 2007, having won his second NWA championship, and remaining in the world title picture ... Showed true leadership skills in developing and nurturing The Christian Coalition, a faction of TNA's most elite rulebreakers ... Behind the microphone, there are few quicker or more cutting ... In the ring, he remains versatile enough to hold his own in a brawl with Rhino, or a wrestling clinic with Kurt Angle.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Before Kurt Angle jumped from WWE, Christian Cage sought to reach the pinnacle of superstardom in TNA. And if his nearly two years with TNA have proven anything, it's that he should have no regrets about his decision. The hints of star-power that he displayed during his time in WWE have been fully realized in TNA, especially since turning against his partner, Sting, a year ago, and settling into a more familiar role as a cocky—if sometimes cowardly—rulebreaker. But for all of his complaining, hiding behind cronies, and shortcuts in the ring, make no mistake about it: Cage is a serious competitor, having racked up wins against Rhino, A.J. Styles, Angle, Samoa Joe, and Chris Harris.

8 PERRO AGUAYO JR.

(5'9", 200, 12, 17)

PATH TO NUMBER 8: 119 in 2002, NL in 2003, 102 in 2004, 64 in 2005, 17 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Won the CMLL trios title with Hector Garza and Mr. Aguila in February.
2. Persuaded Lizmark Jr. to join his Los Perros del Mal stable in May.
3. Defeated CMLL light heavyweight champ Rey Bucanero before a sold-out crowd in August.
4. Had Mistico pinned on April 13, and only a woozy referee kept him from the biggest singles win of his career.
5. Participated in the *Los Cinco Magnifico* reality series that garnered him fame throughout Mexico.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 8: The red-hot Aguayo is the most in-demand rudo in all of Mexico, thanks in part to his wildly popular stable, Los Perros del Mal, and his mainstream visibility from participating in the Mexican reality series *Los Cinco Magnifico* (His team won the competition in June) ... Unlike a lot of luchadores who are successful only in trios matches, Aguayo has excelled in singles competition as well, which is rare in a system that favors multiple-man matches up and down the card ... His matches draw great ratings and great attendance numbers wherever he goes.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: Once he bounces back from the knee injury he suffered in May, Aguayo will most likely return to his feud with Mistico. The two have been issuing challenges back and forth for a *lucha de apuesta*, pitting hair against mask. He limped his way to the ring in June after Mistico captured the Leyenda de Plata trophy and vowed to defeat him upon his return. With Mistico as the most popular tecnico in Mexico right now, a series of matches between the two could fill even the largest venues. He's been back in action since July, but has been biding his time until he's 100-percent ready for Mistico.

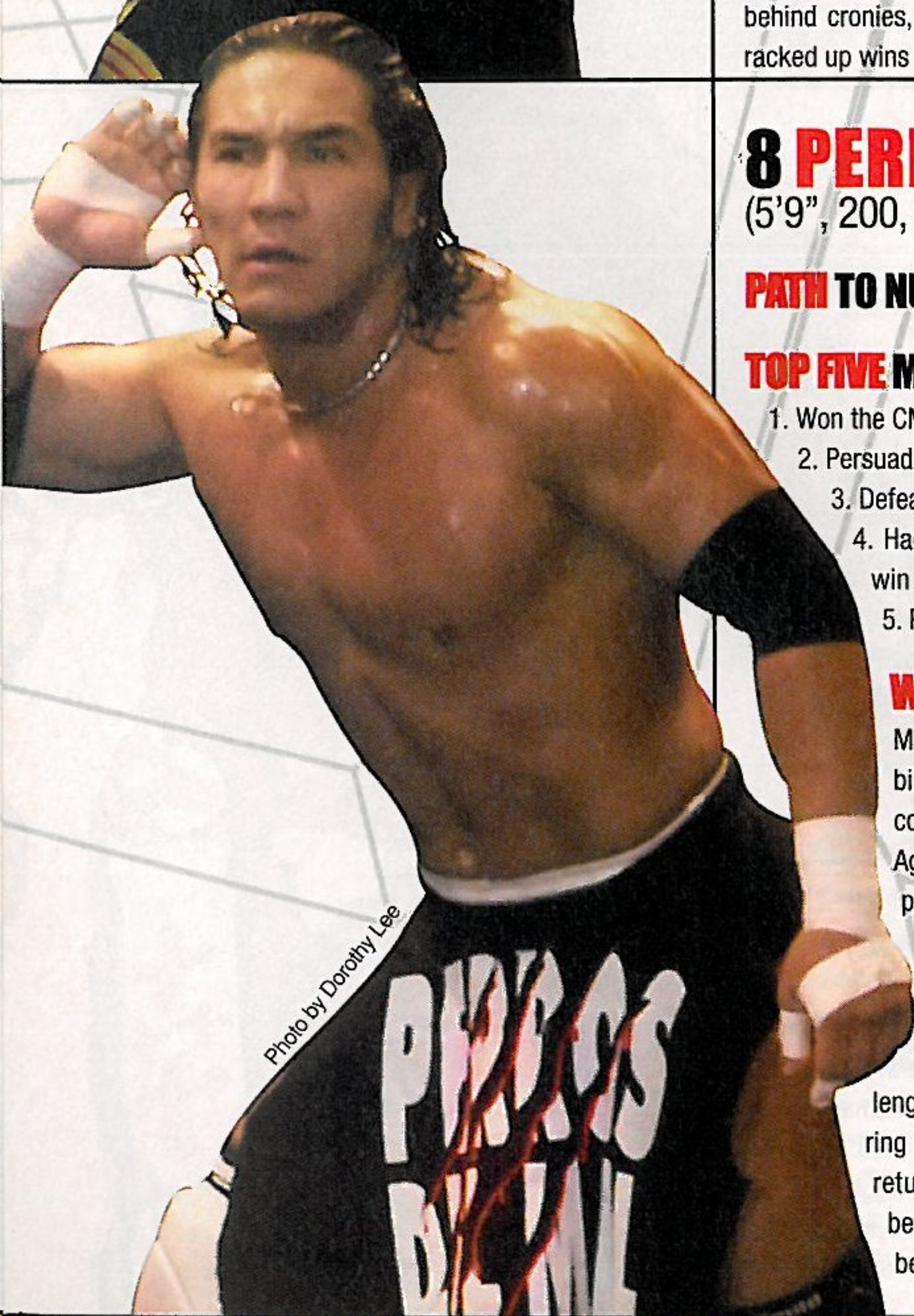


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9 BOBBY LASHLEY

(6'3", 255, 8, 51)

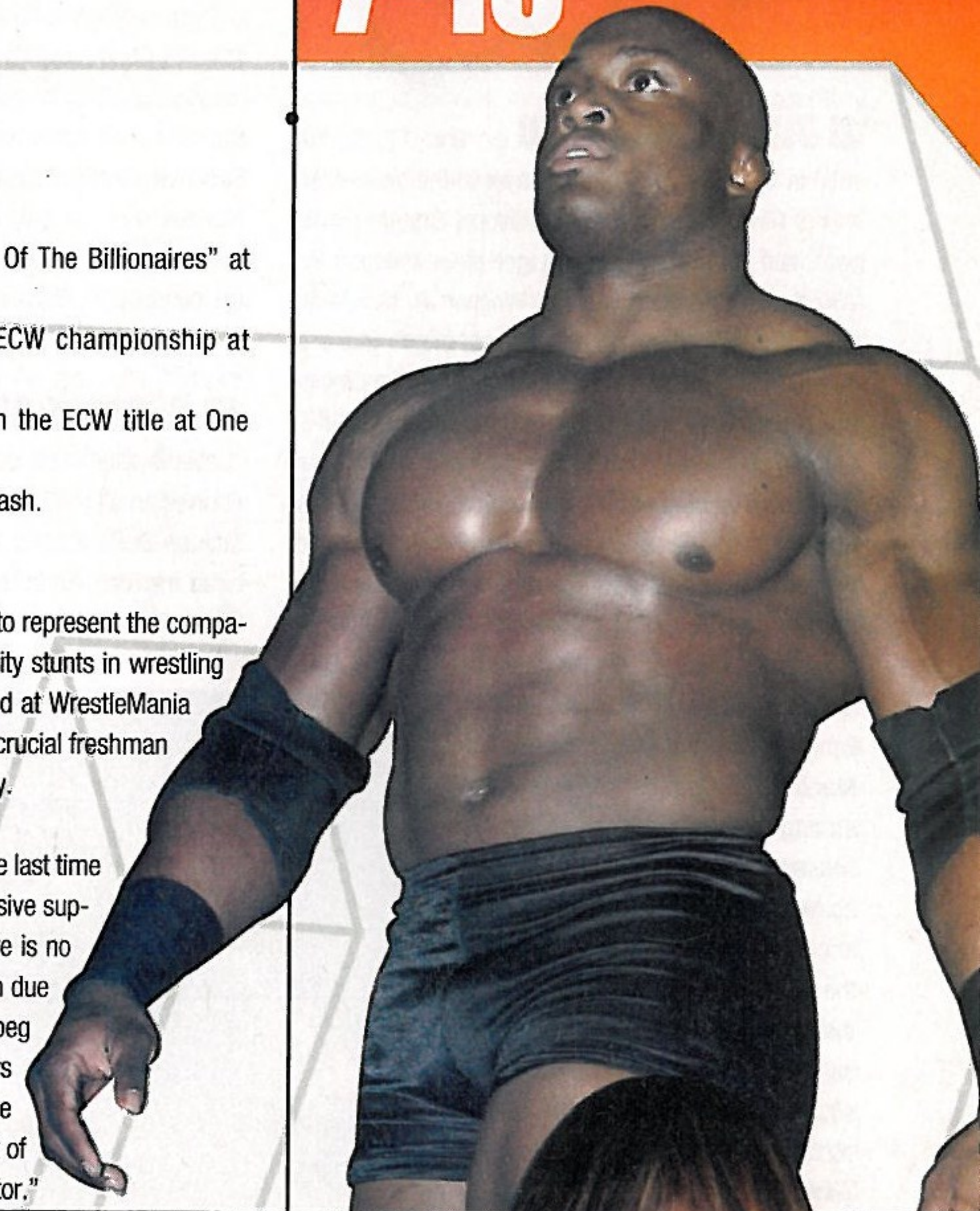
PATH TO NUMBER 9: 155 in 2005, 51 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Represented Donald Trump and defeated Umaga in the highly publicized "Battle Of The Billionaires" at WrestleMania 23.
2. Outlasted five other men in the "Extreme Elimination Chamber" to win the ECW championship at December to Dismember.
3. Went through Umaga and Shane McMahon to defeat Vince McMahon and regain the ECW title at One Night Stand.
4. Took John Cena to the limit in a WWE championship match at the Great American Bash.
5. Made an immediate impact upon being drafted to Raw from ECW in June.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 9: Considered by many watchers as WWE's "Chosen One" to represent the company as one of its top stars going forward ... Featured in one of the most successful publicity stunts in wrestling history when he joined with Trump and Steve Austin in shaving Mr. McMahon's head bald at WrestleMania ... As ECW champion, he was the face of WWE's fledgling third brand during much of its crucial freshman year ... Has recently displayed his astounding amateur wrestling skills and surprising agility.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: You might have to go back to the "Lex Express" to recall the last time one WWE superstar with only moderate support from fans was the beneficiary of such massive support from a promotion. While some worry that his push has been too much too soon, there is no question that Lashley possesses a lot of the tools to be a bona fide world-class performer in due time. Only recently has he begun to show the level of athleticism that made WWE officials peg the former Army sergeant as the next breakthrough star. Unfortunately, like so many others this year, Lashley's progress was derailed when a shoulder injury recently sent him to the sidelines. His communication skills still leave something to be desired, but there's still a lot of hope that the wrestling world will soon come around to see what WWE sees in "The Dominator."



10 TAKESHI MORISHIMA

(6'3", 297, 9, 85)

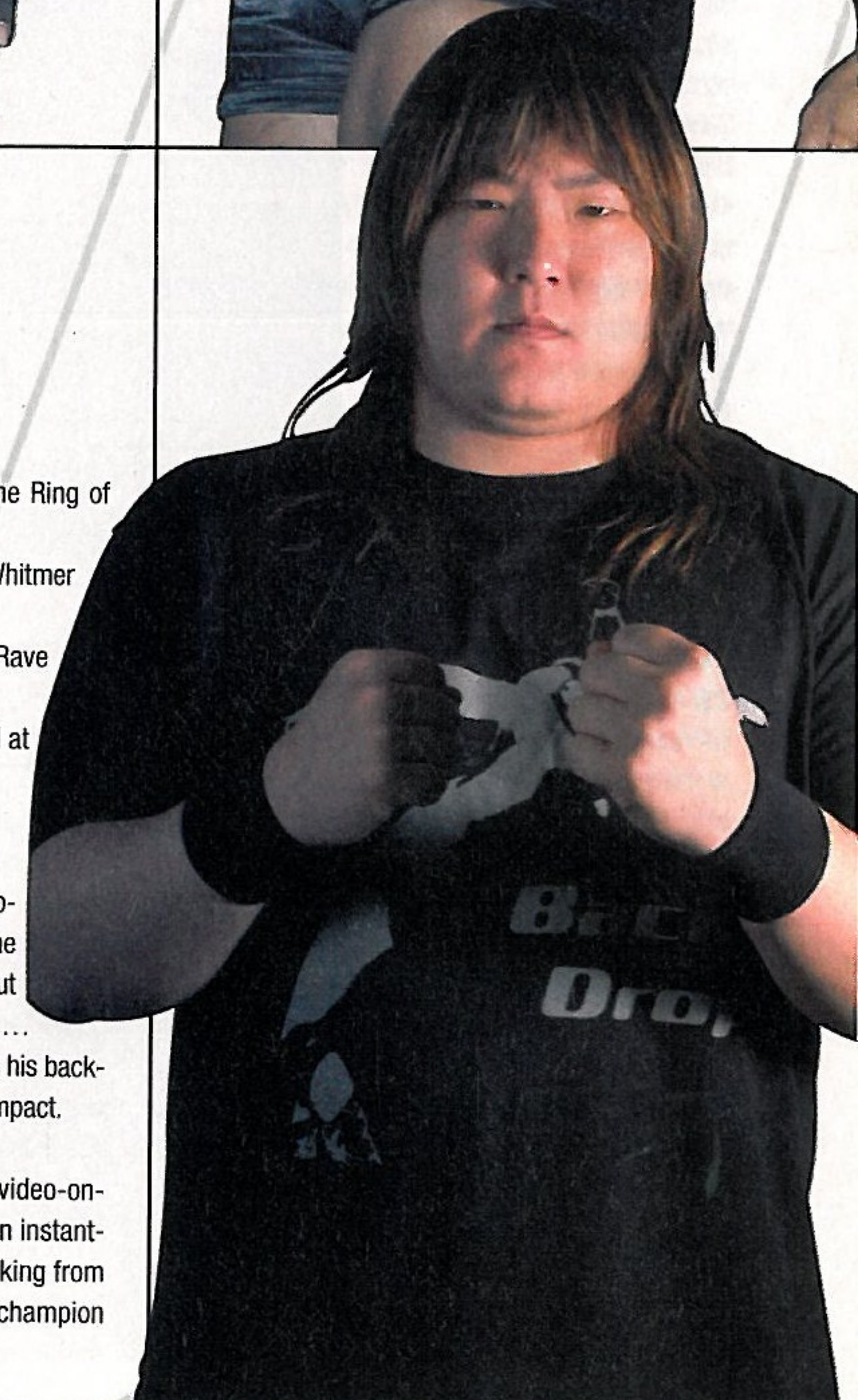
PATH TO NUMBER 10: 85 in 2006

TOP FIVE MOMENTS OF THE YEAR:

1. Defeated Homicide on February 17 in Philadelphia to become the first non-American to win the Ring of Honor championship.
2. Competed twice at ROH's first pay-per-view, Respect Is Earned, first making quick work of B.J. Whitmer and later teaming with Brian Danielson to defeat KENTA and Nigel McGuinness in the main event.
3. Again competed twice at ROH's second pay-per-view taping, Driven, in June, defeating Jimmy Rave and Adam Pierce in separate matches.
4. Took the ROH title to Japan, successfully defending it against KENTA on March 4 at Budokan Hall at a Pro Wrestling NOAH event.
5. Defeated Nigel McGuinness at ROH's debut show in Japan on July 16.

WHY HE'S NUMBER 10: ROH's first bona fide monster has appeared indestructible since capturing the ROH championship on the second night of ROH's "Fifth Year Festival" ... A night earlier, he competed in a true ROH dream match, losing to Samoa Joe in a hard-hitting bout ... Remains a standout in his home promotion of Pro Wrestling NOAH, where he sometimes teams with Takeshi Rikio as Wild II ... Wore the GHC tag title earlier this year ... Whether just muscling opponents into power moves, such as his back-drop driver finisher, or showing unlikely agility, Morishima's offense is served up with cringe-inducing impact.

WHERE HE'S HEADED: With ROH exposed to scores of new wrestling fans through its video-on-demand deal, it's been imperative for the emerging number-three promotion in the U.S. to feature an instantly credible champion. The massive yet limber Morishima has fit the bill to perfection while also breaking from the mold of past ROH champions. But his biggest challenges may still lie ahead, including former champion Bryan Danielson, who has been nearly unstoppable in his quest to regain the ROH title.



11 ULTIMO GUERRERO (6', 200, 17, 22) Top rudo in all of Mexico is a key player in the main-event mix of CMLL. ... Won the International Grand Prix this year, last eliminating Jushin Liger of New Japan Pro Wrestling. ... Teamed with Dr. Wagner Jr. to win the CMLL tag team title from Mistico and Negro Casas in July. ... Held the belts for only a week before losing the rematch to the prior champs. ... Took rookie Euforia all the way to the finals of this year's Gran Alternativa tournament before losing to Mistico and La Sombra. ... Leader of Los Guerreros del Atlantida with Atlantis. ... His Guerrero special finisher is actually a reverse superplex.

12 SAMOA JOE (6'3", 290, 8, 4) The "Samoan Submission Machine" remains a favorite among fans of hard-nosed, no-nonsense wrestling. ... Dream feud against Kurt Angle eclipsed almost anything going on in wrestling in the fall of 2006. ... Lost to Angle in their first battle at Genesis, ending an 18-month undefeated streak in singles matches. ... Evened the score at 1-1 after beating Angle at Turning Point, but then lost the rubber match at Final Resolution. ... The NWA World title remained elusive after losing to champion Christian Cage at Destination X. ... Won his third X division title in June. ... The Samoa Joe farewell tour in ROH included victories over Nigel McGuinness, Homicide, and current ROH champion Takeshi Morishima. ... As intense and aggressive as they come.

13 BATISTA (6'6", 318, 10, 23) After a long summer of trying to recapture the Smackdown World title he never actually lost, "The Animal" finally came full circle at Survivor Series in November, defeating King Booker in his final shot at reclaiming the gold. ... Defended the title against stars such as Finlay, King Booker, and Ken Kennedy. ... Beaten for the title by Royal Rumble winner The Undertaker at WrestleMania 23. ... Failed to capture the title in subsequent rematches. ... Experienced similarly frustrating results in trying to take the title from Edge, eventually losing his "Last Chance" match at June's Vengeance.

14 MINORU SUZUKI (5'10", 220, 20, 77) Reigning All Japan Pro Wrestling Triple Crown champion has held the titles since defeating Taiyo Kea in

September of last year. ... Known for his ever-changing array of awful haircuts. ... Took some hits in March's Champions Carnival, including a loss to junior heavyweight Tajiri. ... Often teams with MAZADA, and his title defenses are few and far between. ... Successfully defended against Keiji Muto in July, using his heel hook. ... Caused quite a stir when he simply denied a challenge to his titles from Kensuke Sasaki in the summer. ... Wins his matches with nothing more complex than a sleeperhold.

15 RANDY ORTON (6'5", 265, 7, 30) The "Legend Killer" has revitalized his career this year. ... Formed an alliance with Edge known as Rated RKO to take on DeGeneration X. ... Along the way, they captured the Raw World tag title from Ric Flair and Roddy Piper. ... Accomplished what seemed like an impossi-



ble feat at the time, ending DX by taking out Triple-H. ... Without DX to fight, Rated RKO soon gave way to jealousy and infighting, losing their tag title to John Cena and Shawn Michaels. ... Back on his own, Orton became more vicious than ever before, putting Shawn Michaels out of action with a serious concussion. ... Inflicted similar damage on Rob Van Dam just weeks later at One Night Stand. ... His RKO is a basic Ace crusher.

16 MITSUOHARU MISAWA (6'1", 238, 27, 88) Reigning Global Honored Crown heavyweight champion of Japan's Pro Wrestling NOAH is one of the most decorated and imitated wrestlers of the past two

decades. ... Won the belt for the third time by beating Naomichi Marufuji in December 2006. ... Already made successful defenses over Takeshi Morishima, Akira Taue, Bison Smith, and Takuma Sano. ... With longtime partner Yoshinari Ogawa, he is always a top-ranked contender for the GHC tag title. ... Started his career as Tiger Mask II in All Japan before founding NOAH in 2000. ... Synonymous with moves like the rolling elbow strike and the tiger driver.

17 BRYAN DANIELSON (5'8", 190, 6, 16) Former ROH champion spent several months out of action with a shoulder injury, which hurt him in this year's rankings. ... Made his return to ROH in May and took a big win in the main event of the company's first pay-per-view, teaming with Takeshi Morishima to beat KENTA and Nigel McGuinness. ... Had an epic singles match against Nigel McGuinness in June. ... Advanced over Nelson Creed and Fergal Devitt in the NWA heavyweight title tournament. ... Finishing moves include the cattle mutilation submission as well as MMA-style elbows to the temple.

18 KING BOOKER (6'3", 250, 17, 19) Captured the Smackdown World title from Rey Mysterio Jr. last July and kept the belt through November, when he was defeated by Batista at Survivor Series. ... Lost a grudge match to Kane at February's No Way Out, but defeated him days later to earn a slot at WrestleMania 23 and the "Money In The Bank" ladder match. ... Was unable to capture the vaunted briefcase in the match. ... In April, his wife, Queen Sharmell, called him a "disappointment," leading to Booker getting tombstoned by The Undertaker and leaving him sidelined for two months. ... Uses his scissors kick to lead to him to victory.

19 STING (6'2", 255, 22, 26) As one of the few bona fide active legends, Sting brings credibility to the relatively young TNA promotion. ... Proved that age is not a factor by capturing the NWA World title in October. ... Lost the title to Abyss less than a month later. ... That match would drag Sting through one of his most bizarre and deeply personal feuds ever, as he made it his mission to "save" Abyss from the evils of his past and the torment inflicted by his handler, James Mitchell. ... Has transitioned from Abyss to a feud with Christopher Daniels. ... His scorpion deathlock is known the world over.

20 YUJI NAGATA (6'1", 228, 15, 112) Technical wizard of New Japan Pro Wrestling defeated Hiroshi Tanahashi in April to begin his second reign as IWGP champion. ... Became top contender to the title by winning the New Japan Cup 2007 in March, pinning Togi Makabe in the tournament final. ... Made his first defense of the IWGP title in May over Shiro Koshinaka, and followed with a successful defense over Makabe in July. ... Challenged Minoru Suzuki of All Japan for the Triple Crown in January, but came up short. ... Has a trio of submission holds all called the "Nagata Lock," which he uses to make opponents tap out.

21 KEN KENNEDY (6'2", 246, 8, 204) One of the hottest-rising stars in all of WWE. ... Took a win over The Undertaker in a first-blood match at Survivor Series, but lost a "Last Ride" match at Armageddon. ... Picked up his biggest career win in his WrestleMania debut, capturing the "Money In The Bank" title shot. ... Coaxed by Edge into putting his guaranteed title shot on the line and lost the shot after being attacked from behind and suffering a triceps injury. ... Became the newest member of the Raw roster following the WWE draft in June. ... Defeats opponents with his amazing Ken-ton bomb from the top rope or his diving fireman's carry, otherwise known as the Lambeau leap.

22 UMAGA (6'4", 348, 8, 98) Raw brand's "Samoan Bulldozer" has razed most of his competition since debuting the night after WrestleMania 22. ... Rarely appeared vulnerable until suffering his first loss to John Cena at New Year's Revolution. ... Lost to Cena again weeks later in a grueling last-man-standing match at the Royal Rumble. ... Front and center in one of the most highly publicized matches in wrestling history when he represented Mr. McMahon against Bobby Lashley in the "Battle Of The Billionaires" at WrestleMania 23. ... Has worn—or clenched between his teeth—the Intercontinental belt for much of 2007. ... Enjoys crushing throats with his Samoan spike finisher.

23 ABYSS (6'10", 350, 8, 38) TNA's resident monster is famed for his astonishing physical presence and violent battles, but has spent the better part of the past eight months engaged in as many mental wars as physical ones. ... Won the NWA World title in a shocking decision over Sting at November's Genesis event. ... Lost the title in January to Christian Cage. ... From that point, Sting increasingly made it his mission to "save" Abyss from his handler, James Mitchell. ... Aligned himself with Sting in June. ... Possesses one of the most feared finishers in wrestling, the black-hole slam.

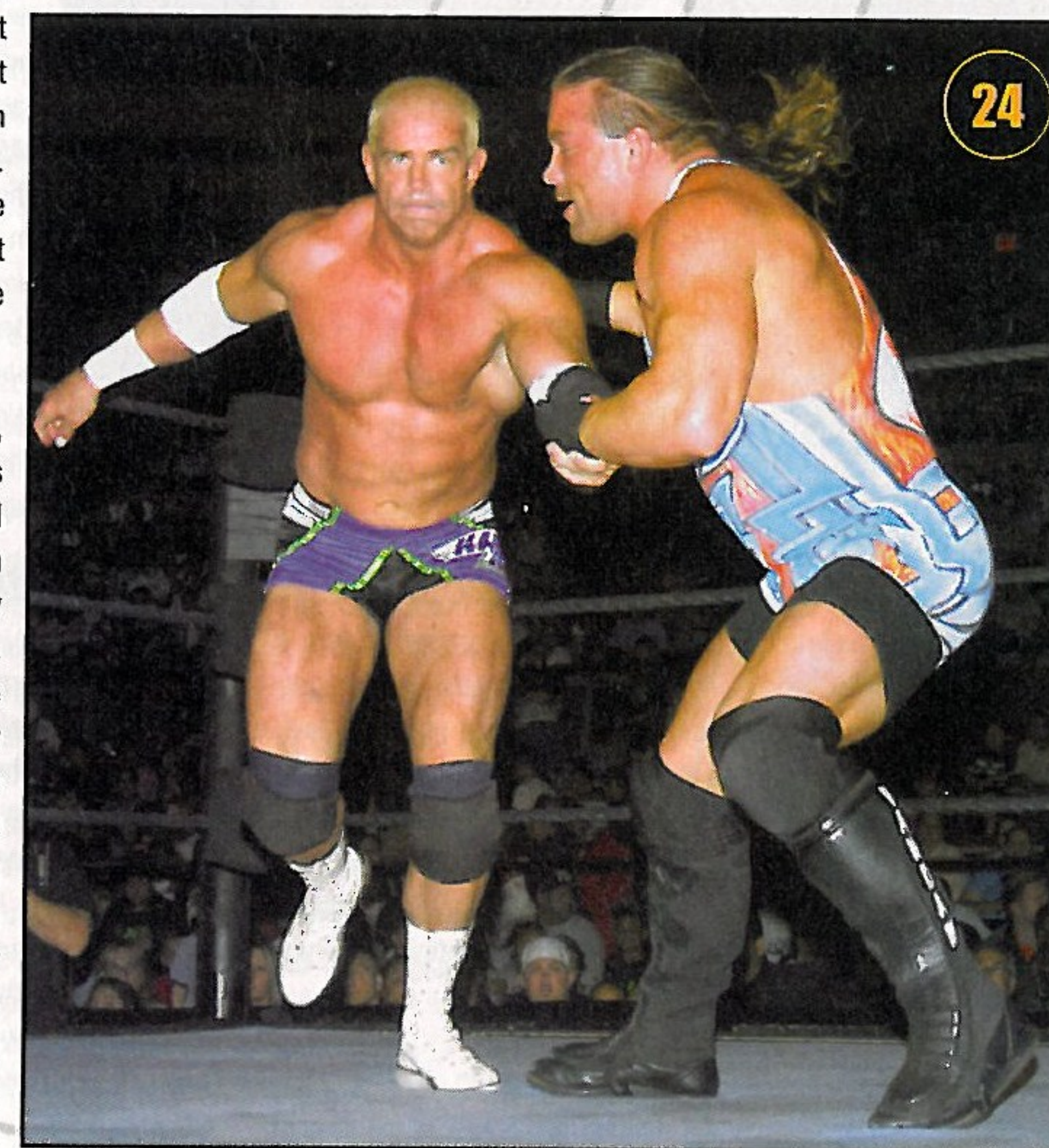
24 ROB VAN DAM (6', 237, 16, 18) As one of the stalwarts of the original ECW, Van Dam found himself defending his home turf in 2006-07. ... Alongside Tommy Dreamer, The Sandman, and Sabu, Van Dam led the charge against the Vince McMahon-approved New Breed faction. ... The two groups exchanged wins throughout the spring, including an eight-man tag at WrestleMania 23, with Van Dam leading the Originals to victory over The New Breed. ... Van Dam's career took an unexpected turn during a match in which Randy Orton severely concussed him and almost

broke his neck with an RKO. ... Departed WWE in June. ... Gets terrific hangtime with his five-star frog splash.

25 NIGEL MCGUINNESS (6'1", 220, 7, 47) Almost beat Samoa Joe in a classic Ring of Honor match held in Liverpool, England, on March 3. ... One week earlier, McGuinness was able to pin Joe's shoulders to the mat during a tag bout. ... Gave ROH champ Takeshi Morishima his toughest challenge all year. ... Traveled to Japan to compete for Pro Wrestling NOAH regularly in 2007, and, also for the first time, competed for PWG in California. ... Won the King of Europe Cup in April, last defeating Doug Williams. ... Destroys opponents with his reckless lariats, one of which broke the jaw of Jimmy Rave. ... Trademark move is the "Tower of London" Ace crusher variation.

26 CIBERNETICO (6'1", 175, 15, 109) Leader of the Hell Brothers stable with Chessman and Charly Manson, Cibernetico has become the most popular tecnico in all of AAA. ... Spent some time on the sidelines last year, which allowed him to tour the talk-show circuit in Mexico and become a bigger mainstream star than any of his AAA compatriots. ... Now at war with archrival Muerte Cibernetica and the remnant of their former stable, La Secta Cibernetica. ... Also feuding with Konnan and his Legion Extranjera stable. ... Won the hair of Kenzo Suzuki in July. ... His chokeslam finisher is otherwise known as the "Apocaliptica."

27 NAOMICHI MARUFUJI (5'11", 211, 9, 57) Fulfilled his potential when he beat Jun Akiyama in September 2006 to become the Global Honored Crown heavyweight champion. ... Made just one



successful defense of the title, overcoming archival KENTA in October. ... Beefed up to compete with the heavyweights in just a few quick months, but lost the title to Mitsuharu Misawa in December of last year. ... Teamed with Kota Ibushi for the NTV junior tag team tournament, and they fell to winners KENTA and Taiji Ishimori. ... Has appeared in Ring of Honor sporadically during the past year. ... The "Shiranui" is his signature move.

28 CHRIS SABIN (6', 220, 7, 107) Formerly known as "The Future," this high-flyer has risen to become the present of TNA's X division, anchoring it for much of the past year. ... Defeated Senshi for his third X title at October's Bound for Glory. ... Won his fourth X title by beating Christopher Daniels and Jerry Lynn at Final Resolution. ... Became embroiled in a heated feud with veteran Lynn, who felt Sabin repeatedly disrespected him by impersonating him as if he were a senior citizen. ... Has occasionally teamed with Alex Shelley as The Murder City Machine Guns. ... Toured with All Japan Pro Wrestling this year. ... The cradleshook is his signature move.

29 JEFF HARDY (6'1", 225, 14, NL) Perennial fan favorite made his return to WWE in 2006 after a spotty run in TNA. ... Has held the Intercontinental title on two occasions since returning. ... Defeated Johnny Nitro in a cage match at New Year's Revolution. ... With Matt, he recaptured the Raw World tag team championship in a 10-team battle royal in April. ... In his first WrestleMania appearance in five years, Hardy wowed fans when he jumped from a ladder and legdropped Edge across another ladder in the eight-man "Money In The Bank" ladder match. ... Was sent home from WWE for a month in August for undisclosed reasons.

30 CHRISTOPHER DANIELS (6', 225, 14, 15) The "Fallen Angel" and his partner, A.J. Styles, lost the NWA World tag team title to LAX in August. ... In November, teamed with Matt Sydal to win the ROH tag title from Claudio Castagnoli and Chris Hero, and held them until February. ... Captured his third X division title from Chris Sabin in November. ... Re-invented himself in the spring of 2007, donning a thick beard and face paint. ... Feuded with Sting after attacking the legendary fan favorite with a bat in May. ... Lost to Sting at Slammiversary in June. ... Fans sometimes exclaim in unison "Best ... Moonsault ... Ever!" when he flawlessly executes the maneuver.

31 EL HUIO DEL SANTO (5'6", 170, 25, 32) Apart from Mistico, Santo is probably the most in-demand luchador active today ... Made his debut in Spain in the summer of 2007, drawing sellout crowds everywhere he went ... Left CMLL this year to work as an independent ... Has held the WWA welterweight title since 2004 ... Won the hair of Mano Negra in November 2006 ... Also beat Exotico Cassandro this year in Los Angeles, protecting his mask ... Has won the masks of 30 luchadores since his debut ... Like his legendary father, El Santo, uses *la caballo* (camel clutch) to win most matches.

32 A.J. STYLES (5'10", 215, 10, 13) Underwent attitude change in the fall, which seems to have negatively impacted his winning percentage ... A member in good standing of Christian Cage's Christian Coalition faction ... Partnered with Christopher Daniels to dominate the TNA tag team division for several months in 2006, before losing the NWA World tag team title to LAX at Bound for Glory ... Rivalry with Rhino has been one of the bloodiest and most intense of 2007 ... X division pioneer won his sixth title in November, defeating Chris Sabin ... Signature Pelé kick remains a thing of beauty.

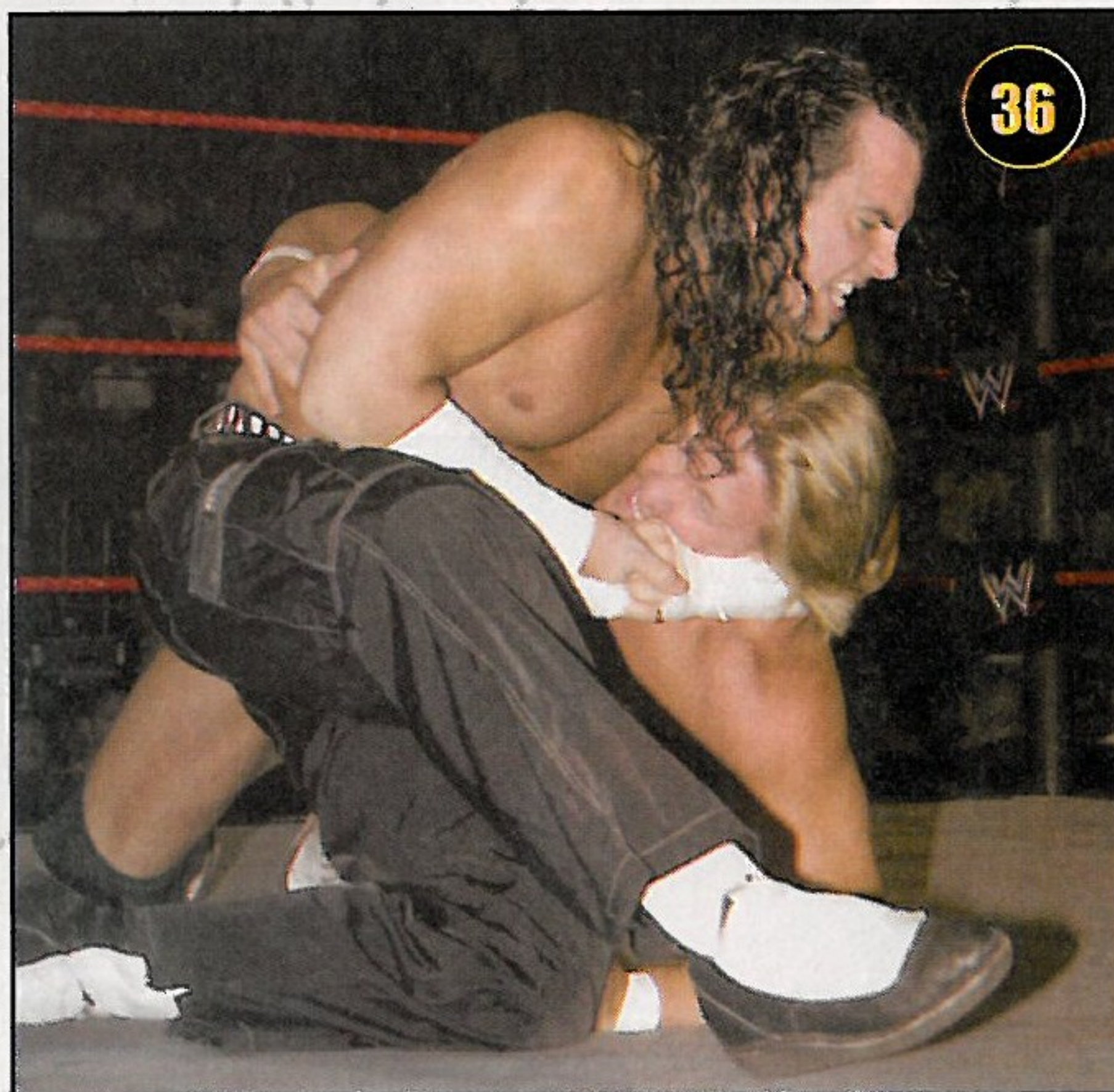
33 FINLAY (5'10", 230, 29, 111) The fighting Irishman is currently in the midst of an amazing career resurgence after a few years away from the ring ... Alongside his diminutive sidekick, Hornswoggle, he has been a consistent presence in the upper tier of the Smackdown brand for over 18 months ... Competed at WrestleMania in the "Money In The Bank" ladder match ... That match spawned a feud with Ken Kennedy that eventually became a partnership in a series opposite Kane and The Undertaker ... Can attribute much of his recent success to the Celtic cross, a unique, over-the-shoulder piledriver.

34 JUSHIN LIGER (5'6", 208, 24, 40) The most influential junior heavyweight of the past two decades, Liger keeps racking up titles and wins, despite being past his prime ... Won the top title in Dragon Gate, the Open the Dream Gate championship, in March by defeating Don Fuji ... Defended the title just once before losing it to CIMA in July ... Full-time competitor with New Japan Pro Wrestling found time to tour both Canada and Mexico in 2007 ... As leader of the CTU stable, he decided to disband the group in the summer of 2007 ... Inventor

of the Liger bomb and shooting star press ... Most feared for his brainbuster.

35 THE BIG SHOW (7'2", 485, 12, 44) On the heels of what many fans consider the best championship run of his career, The Big Show made a surprising exit from WWE in December ... The beginning of the end was signaled by his loss to Bobby Lashley in the "Extreme Elimination Chamber" match for the ECW title at December to Dismember ... His friend and adviser, Paul Heyman, was relieved of his duties as ECW booker shortly thereafter ... Show failed to recapture the title in a rematch with Lashley just days later, and the combination of personal and professional setbacks caused him to take his leave ... Re-emerged in a surprising bout in Memphis, losing to Hulk Hogan in what was his first independent wrestling appearance.

36 MATT HARDY (6'1", 213, 13, 90) Reformed the ultra-popular Hardys tag team with brother Jeff in November, which led to a series of much-anticipated matches with M-N-M ... The feud reached new levels of animosity in December, when The Hardys almost destroyed Joey Mercury's face during a four-way ladder match at December's



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Ring of Honor's No Remorse Corps stable, alongside Roderick Strong and Davey Richards ... Adept at using his fists and feet, having trained in mixed martial arts ... Known for his lethal kicks, one of which sidelined Jack Evans for several months ... Growing progressively more arrogant as 2007 wears on, and stands out even among his disreputable No Remorse Corps cohorts ... Beat El Blazer in his IGF debut in June ... Also has spent time competing in Japan for NOAH and in California for PWG ... Ranked last year under his masked alter-ego, Black Tiger IV.

38 NEGRO CASAS (5'7", 185, 27, 82) Half of the reigning CMLL tag team champions with Mistico, this popular tecnico is one of the most respected mat technicians in all the world ... Toured with New Japan Pro Wrestling, where he teamed with Texano Jr. and even had a title shot against then-NWA junior champ Tiger Mask IV ... Teamed with Stuka Jr. in the annual Gran Alternativa in June and was eliminated by Dr. Wagner Jr. and Mascara Purpura ... Brother of Heavy Metal and Felino, his family name, Casas, is immortalized by their trademark pinning combination *la casita*.

39 RHINO (5'10", 250, 13, 42) Over the course of the past year in TNA, Rhino has engaged in a series of emotionally and physically draining feuds ... After putting aside hostilities with longtime friend Christian Cage, he tried to intervene in the feud between A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels ... The attempts to help only led to Styles lashing out at Rhino ... The two engaged in a back-and-forth series of matches that saw A.J. outsmart, or just plain run away from, the "War Machine" ... Their battles ended in the first-ever "Elevation X" scaffold match when Rhino knocked A.J. some 15 feet to the ring below ... Brewing feud with James Storm keeps him from pursuing the TNA World title ... His gore—a version of the spear—is one of the most sudden and violent moves in all of wrestling.

40 HIROSHI TANAHASHI (5'11", 227, 8, 43) One of New Japan Pro Wrestling's fastest-rising stars, he cemented his position as a main-event player across his nine-month run with the IWGP heavyweight title ... Won the vacant belt in July 2006 in a tournament final over Giant Bernard ... Went on to make successful defenses against Hiroyoshi Tenzan, Koji Kanemoto, Shinsuke Nakamura, and even All Japan star Taiyo Kea ... Was finally defeated by Yuji Nagata in April ... Leads the New Japan heroes against Tenzan's Great Bash Heel faction ... His patented "Slingblade" is a variation of the lariat.

41 CARLITO (6', 220, 7, 27) Like many second-generation wrestlers before him, Carlito has struggled to find his own way in the sport and escape the shadow of his legendary father, Carlos Colon ... Harsh, verbal browbeating by Ric Flair angered Carlito, and he soon began teaming with Flair to try to live up to his potential ... A string of losses frustrated Mr. Caribbean Cool, and he began pinning blame on everyone around him, including Flair and Torrie Wilson ... Turned his back on Flair in May, though Flair dominated their subsequent feud ... Uses the backstabber, a jarring double-knee to the back, to finish off his opponents.

42 C.M. PUNK (6'1", 220, 9, 35) After having tremendous success early on in the new ECW, has backslid some ... Remained undefeated in ECW for four months before Hardcore Holly ended the "Straight-Edge Extremist's" streak ... Made his WrestleMania debut in Detroit, competing in the "Money In The Bank" match ... Was actively recruited by Elijah Burke for The New Breed in their war with The ECW Originals ... Surprised everyone by joining The New Breed, only to end up sabotaging them from within ... Over time, Punk has found himself in a two-front war, staving off Burke, while at the same time trying to get a hold of ECW champ John Morrison ... Heavily influenced by NOAH star KENTA, he uses the go to sleep maneuver, a fireman's carry into a knee strike, as a finisher.

43 LA PARKA (6', 235, 20, 124) Not the original, but just as popular, this second incarnation of La Parka is the man to take on the mantle after AAA and the original (now L.A. Park) had a falling-out years ago ... Has held the Mexican National tag team title with Octagon for over four years ... Always in the main-event mix, he's been at war with Muerte Cibernetica and La Secta since last year ... Lost momentum this year as a number of injuries stemming from a serious auto accident sidelined him for months ... Known as much for his dancing as his wrestling.

44 GREGORY HELMS (6'1", 210, 16, 153) The former "Hurricane" cemented his spot as the "best-kept secret on Smackdown" with an impressive year-long reign as WWE cruiserweight champion ... Had a long and heated rivalry with childhood friend Matt Hardy in 2006 ... Lost the title to Chavo Guerrero Jr. in February and never sought a rematch ... Suffered a severe neck injury in May and is currently recuperating from neck fusion surgery, which should keep him out of action for about a year ... Keeps opponents on their toes by using a shining wizard knee strike.

45 KENTA (5'10", 195, 9, 36) Famed junior heavyweight of Pro Wrestling NOAH has grown into one of the most imitated wrestlers today ... Known for his surly attitude and his classic matches with archrival Naomichi Marufuji, KENTA is popular not just in his native Japan, but in the U.S., thanks to his appearances in Ring of Honor ... Failed in his challenge of GHC heavyweight champion Marufuji on October 29, 2006,

in a match Japanese fans voted the year's best ... Teamed with Taiji Ishimori to win the NTV Junior Tag League tourney this summer 2007 ... His baisaku knee to the face is a fine finisher, but he's best known as the inventor of the go to sleep maneuver, a fireman's carry into a knee strike.

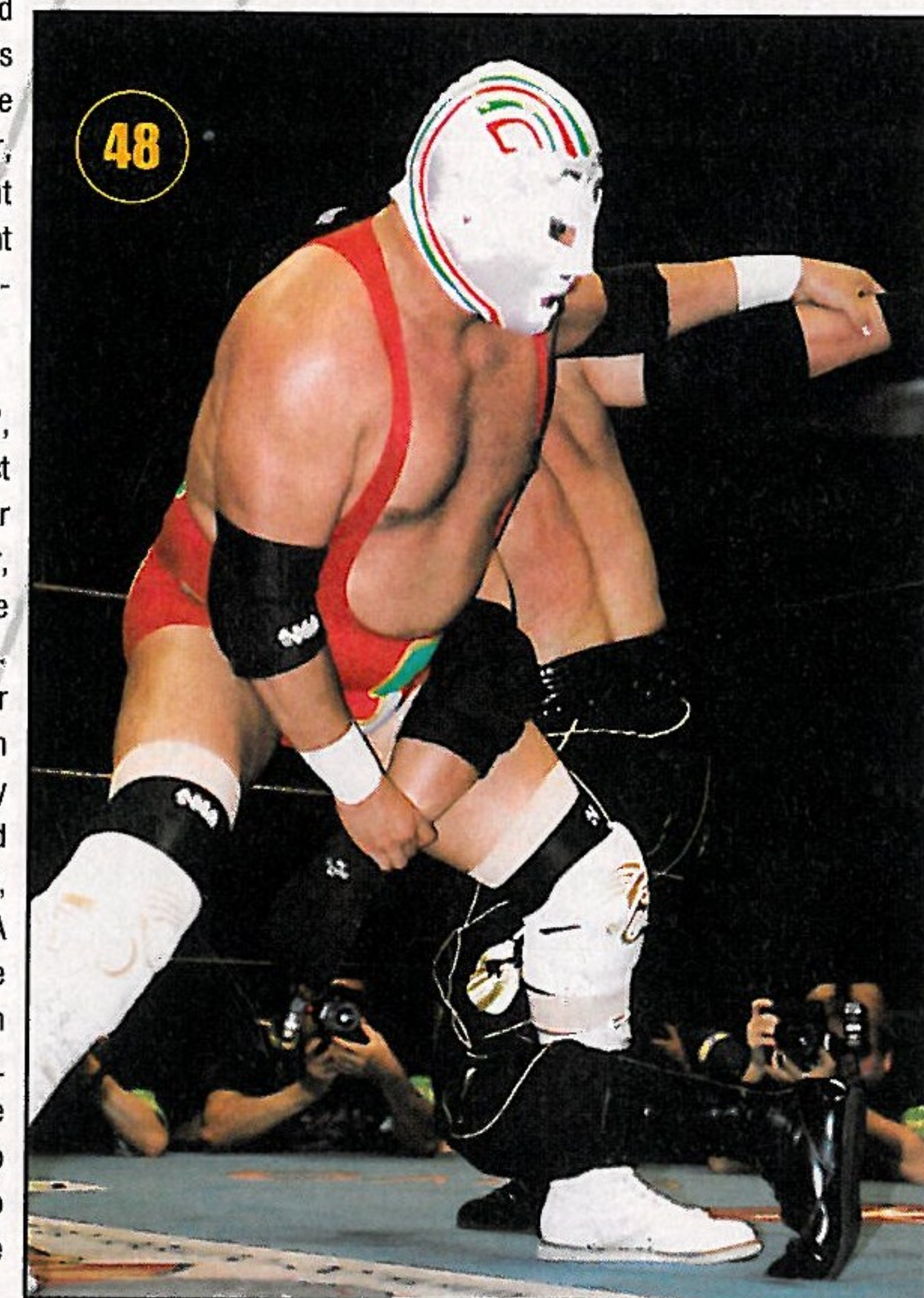
46 CHAVO GUERRERO JR. (5'7", 210, 14, 187) As the predominant torch-bearer of the Guerrero wrestling legacy, Chavo carries three generations of wrestling tradition with him ... Had a bitter and personal feud with Rey Mysterio Jr. in the summer of 2006 ... Defeated Mysterio in a loser-leaves-Smackdown match last October ... Became entangled in another bitterly personal feud shortly thereafter, as Chris Benoit took offense to the way Chavo and Vickie Guerrero were representing Eddie's legacy ... Could not capture the U.S. title from Benoit, but won the cruiserweight title in February ... Uses either a tornado DDT or top-rope frog splash to win his matches.

47 MONTEL VONTAVIOUS PORTER (6'3", 252, 4, NL) The man touted as the highest-paid free agent in Smackdown history had a lot of skepticism to overcome in his first few months of competition ... Turned a painful corner in December, when a feud with Kane culminated in MVP being set on fire during an "Inferno Match" at Armageddon ... Despite the loss, fans and pundits began to respect MVP's toughness, even if they hated his brash attitude ... His reputation as a star on the rise grew through his series with Chris Benoit for the U.S. championship ... Each match saw MVP get better and better as Benoit pushed him to his limits ... Eventually scored the biggest win of his young career, defeating Benoit in two straight falls for the belt at May's Judgment Day ... Uses a leg-swing neck-breaker to pick up wins.

48 DR. WAGNER JR. (5'9", 216, 21, 28) One of Mexico's most popular luchadores, Wagner returned to his roots this summer, turning rudo and taking up issue with top CMLL star Mistico ... Teamed with Mascara Purpura for the 2007 edition of the Gran Alternativa tournament, and they were ousted in the semifinal round by Mistico and his rookie partner, La Sombra ... Has reigned as UWA heavyweight champion for more than three years ... Teamed with Ultimo Guerrero to become CMLL tag team champions for just one week before losing them back to previous champs Mistico and Negro Casas in July ... Trademark move is the Michinoku driver.

49 CHRIS HERO (6'3", 211, 9, 127) Top rudo of CHIKARA has become a major player in Ring of Honor this past year ... Under the management of Larry Sweeney, Hero has joined up with the unlikely duo of Tank Toland and Bobby Dempsey ... Still a member of The Kings of Wrestling with reluctant partner Claudio Castagnoli ... In late-2006, the duo held the CZW, CHIKARA, and ROH tag titles simultaneously ... Has toured Europe, Japan, and Australia so far in 2007, winning the 16-Carat Gold tournament in Germany as well as the 2007 Peterson Cup in Florida ... The hangman's clutch is his signature hold.

50 SENSHI (5'8", 170, 9, 142) One of the most intense competitors ever to step inside a ring, Senshi returned to TNA in early-2006 as part of the X division ... Also uses the name Low-Ki ... Took part in the often ridiculous "Paparazzi Championship Series," conducted under the auspices of Kevin Nash ... Those competitions did little for Senshi's status in TNA, but did lead to a rivalry between Senshi and Austin Starr, with Bob Backlund usually involved somewhere in between ... As Low-Ki, he has defeated many of the top stars in independent wrestling, including Chris Hero, Necro Butcher, and Davey Richards ... Won the 2006 Ted Petty Invitational ... Can finish opponents with brutal kicks, vicious double stomps, or his patented Ki-Krusher '99.



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51 TRIPLE-H (6'5", 269, 16, 21) "Game Paused" best describes his 2007 status, sidelined with a torn quadriceps for much of the grading period ... Prior to that, "The Game" was experiencing new careers highs after resurrecting the legendary DeGeneration X alongside Shawn Michaels ... The duo waged war with Vince McMahon throughout most of 2006 ... DX was soon presented with an unlikely challenge in the form of Rated RKO ... The rival teams spent the rest of 2006 trading wins back and forth, including RKO defeating DX at Cyber Sunday and Team DX making a clean sweep of Team RKO at Survivor Series ... The pedigree is his trademark maneuver.

52 CIMA (5'11", 202, 10, 56) Top star of Japan's Dragon Gate is known the world 'round, thanks to appearances everywhere from Ring of Honor in the U.S. to AAA in Mexico ... Fared well in the September 2006 Battle of Los Angeles tournament hosted by PWG, defeating Matt Cross, Kevin Steen, and El Generico before losing in the final round to Davey Richards ... Leads the Typhoon faction in Dragon Gate, with Ryo Saito, Dragon Kid, and Susumu Yokosuka ... Defeated Jushin Liger in July 2007 to win his second Open the Dream Gate title ... His cross-legged Michinoku driver is called the "Perfect Driver."

53 AVERNO (5'8", 182, 12, 48) One of the fastest-rising stars on the CMLL roster, this masked rudo is the arch-nemesis of the uber-popular Mistico ... His 14-month reign as NWA middleweight champion was ended by Mistico in the summer of 2006 ... Won the CMLL middleweight title last September ... Regularly teams with Mephisto and Ephesto ... Uses a move similar to Christopher Daniels' angel's wings finisher to subdue his challengers.

54 HOMICIDE (5'10", 220, 14, 159) Years of hard work finally paid off last August when he and Hernandez formed LAX and won the NWA World tag title ... The duo traded wins, and the title, with A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels throughout the fall, with LAX eventually coming out on top ... As a singles talent in ROH, he started on his "Road Of Homicide," his last shot to capture the ROH title ... Finally captured the title from Bryan Danielson in December ... Dropped the belt to Takeshi Morishima in February and made his exit shortly thereafter to focus on TNA commitments ... LAX lost the tag title after a wild feud with Team 3D, culminating in an electrified "Six Sides Of Steel" match ... Signature move is the gringo killer.

55 RODERICK STRONG (5'10", 205, 6, 63) The "Messiah Of The Backbreaker" heads up

Ring of Honor's top faction, the No Remorse Corps ... The reigning FIP champion holds victories over Pac and Austin Starr, among others ... Also defeated Delirious in ROH's debut show in Japan ... Spent most of 2007 feuding with Resilience, a group consisting of Austin Starr, Erick Stevens, and Matt Cross ... The feud raged for most of the summer, with Strong continuously trying to injure his opposition with a tiger driver onto a steel railing ... His finishing maneuver is the stronghold, a high-arching Boston crab variation.

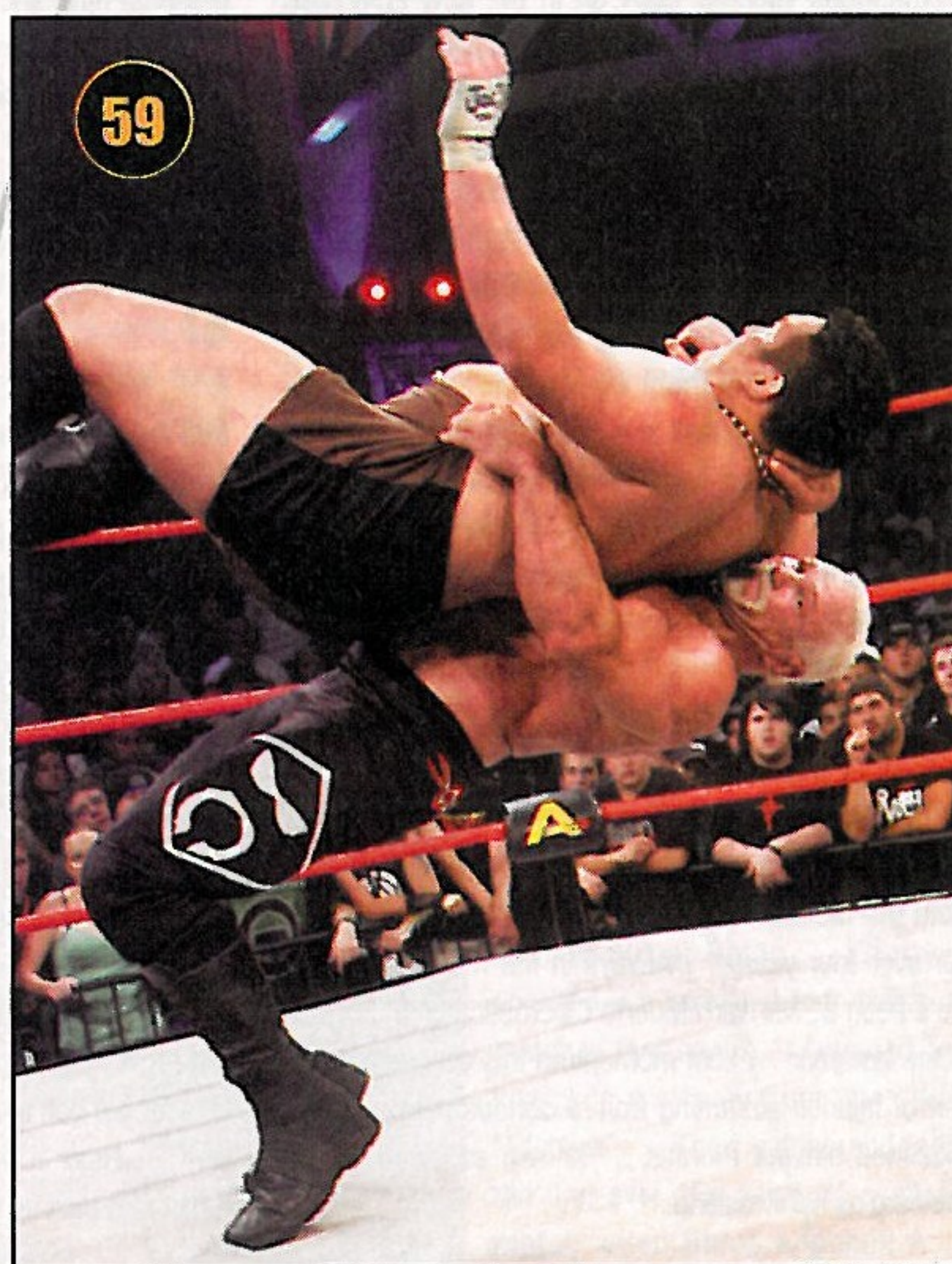
56 JOHN MORRISON (6', 204, 4, 72) Formerly competed as Johnny Nitro ... A heated feud with Jeff Hardy over the Intercontinental title on Raw led to the reunion of M-N-M and a series of tag bouts with The Hardys ... The M-N-M reunion tour made a stop at December's Armageddon PPV, as the team took part in a four-way ladder match for the Raw World tag title ... Aligned himself with Kevin Federline as a personal trainer in advance of K-Fed's match with John Cena ... Struggled in the wake of M-N-M's dissolution ... Teamed with fellow upstart Kenny Dykstra to limited success ... Drafted to ECW in June ... Caught the break of a lifetime in June as a last-minute replacement against C.M. Punk for the vacant ECW title and captured the belt.

57 KENSUKE SASAKI (5'10", 263, 21, 25) Arguably the hottest free agent active in Japan, Sasaki—with his wife Akira Hokuto and adopted son Katsuhiko Nakajima—comprise the Kensuke Office faction ... Suffered a broken orbital bone in mid-2006 that sidelined him for a few months ... In 2007, he's been chasing All Japan Triple Crown champion Minoru Suzuki, who has been dodging his challenges ... Forms a very successful tag team with Nakajima in All Japan ... Reformed the Hell-Raisers tag team this year, replacing Road Warrior Hawk with his partner, Animal ... Uses the finishing move invented by his wife, the Northern Lights bomb.

58 SABU (6', 214, 22, 92) As the most "Homicidal, Suicidal, Genocidal" man in wrestling, it came as little surprise when Sabu was invited to take part in the rebirth of the ECW brand ... The wildman from Bombay, India, fought alongside Rob Van Dam, Tommy Dreamer, and The Sandman in the war between The ECW Originals and The New Breed, which consisted of Elijah Burke, Marcus Cor

Von, Kevin Thorn, and Matt Striker ... Made his WrestleMania debut as part of an eight-man tag between The ECW Originals and The New Breed ... Sabu was abruptly released from WWE in May.

59 SCOTT STEINER (6'1", 276, 21, 151) After several months away due to contract disputes, Steiner returned to TNA in February, aiding former enemy Christian Cage against Kurt Angle ... Jealous of the hype surrounding Angle's signing, Steiner declared a vendetta against the Olympian that culminated in a grudge match at March's Destination X show ... Angle got the win, but the war would continue throughout the spring, as Team Cage took on



Team Angle ... Eventually tired of Cage's endless promises and schemes, Steiner left and reunited with brother Rick to chase TNA tag gold ... Suffered a life-threatening crushed trachea during a match against Apolo in Puerto Rico, but has returned to full strength ... Forces opponents into submission with his Steiner recliner.

60 CHARLY MANSON (5'9", 180, 17, 186) The reigning Mexican National heavyweight champion since June 2006 ... Also won the hair of Zorro last June ... Teams with Cibernetico and Chessman as The Hell Brothers, a popular tecnico stable in AAA at war with the remnants of La Secta and Muerte Cibernetica since last November ... Escaped the "Cage Of Death" at this year's TripleMania with his hair intact ... Brother of luchador Electro Shock ... His trademark hold, *el pozo*, is a variation of the figure-seven leglock.

61 MILANO COLLECTION A.T. (6'1", 203, 7, 71) Winner of 2007's Best of the Super Juniors tournament has turned into New Japan Pro Wrestling's junior heavyweight ace ... Defeated iconic junior heavyweights Jushin Liger and Tiger Mask IV before beating Wataru Inoue in the tournament final in June ... Sometimes competes in the heavyweight division as well ... Won the 2006 Peterson Cup in Florida last year ... Part of a stable that includes Masa Chono and Shinsuke Nakamura ... Spent most of 2006 in the United States working independents before signing with New Japan in September ... Trademark submission hold is the "AT Lock."

62 MARCUS COR VON (6'2", 275, 4, 94) Once known to fans as Monty Brown, the former TNA star began the year with a new name in a new company as Marcus Cor Von in ECW ... The "Alpha Male" quickly became the enforcer of the upstart group The New Breed ... Helped The New Breed dominate in their feud against The ECW Originals throughout the spring ... Made his WrestleMania debut this year in Detroit on the losing side of an eight-man tag team match ... Would help avenge that loss just two days later in an eight-man "Extreme Rules" rematch ... Now helping Elijah Burke in his feud with C.M. Punk ... His high-impact pounce finisher is among the most devastating moves in all of wrestling.

63 BRENT ALBRIGHT (6', 230, 5, 80) Turned the corner in 2007 and has found his niche in Ring of Honor, collecting bounties and breaking arms ... Used the crowbar, a Fujiwara armbar variation, to pick up many wins in 2007, the most significant of which was a title shot against ROH champion Takeshi Morishima ... Had a four-month stint on Smackdown last year under the name Gunner Scott ... Released from WWE in October of 2006, he appeared in ROH just two weeks later as "The Shooter" ... Advanced over Osamu Nishimura and Fred Sampson in the summer's tournament for the vacant NWA heavyweight title.

64 SATOSHI KOJIMA (6', 243, 17, 14) Among the top stars of All Japan Pro Wrestling, this former New Japan star is always in the main-event picture ... Re-formed his classic tag team with Hiro Yoshi Tenzan in December 2006 ... The duo rolled over the competition and won the Real World Tag League tourney ... Defeated both Minoru Suzuki and Ro'Z in March's Champions Carnival tournament, but his loss to Toshiaki Kawada cost him a spot in the final ... Joined TARU's Voodoo Murderers stable in the summer, adding some much-needed star power to the group ... Has been on a long winning streak this year ... Throws a devastating lariat.

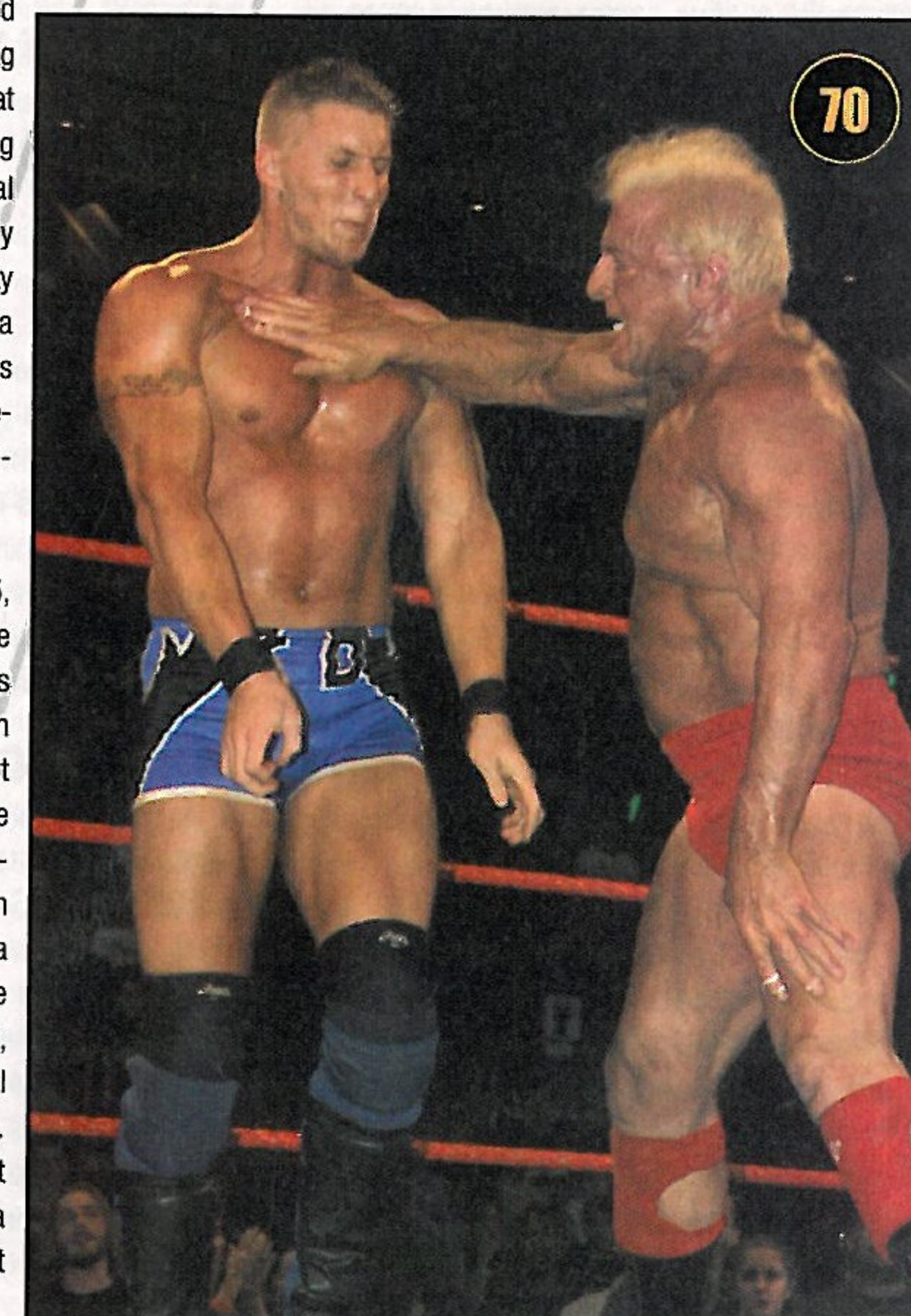
65 KANE (6'7", 326, 13, 50) The "Big Red Machine" is closing in on a decade of destruction in WWE rings, and shows no signs of slowing down ... Came into 2007 on a literal "hot streak," which saw

him set Montel Vontavious Porter on fire in an "Inferno Match" at December's Armageddon ... Eliminated King Booker at the Royal Rumble, only to have Booker return and eliminate him as well, setting off a feud between the two ... Kane got his revenge at No Way Out ... Lost to The Great Khali at WrestleMania 23 ... Became entangled in a feud with Dave Taylor and William Regal, eventually teaming with The Boogeyman and Little Boogey to take out their rivals ... Routinely uses the chokeslam as his finisher.

66 CHRIS HARRIS (6'2", 238, 6, 46) Formerly one-half of the most successful tag team in TNA history, America's Most Wanted, Harris has broken out as a solo star ... James Storm smashed a beer bottle in Harris' face, causing temporary blindness in his right eye back in December ... Competed in a non-sanctioned blindfold match at Lockdown ... His sight eventually returned, allowing for two intense brawls between the former partners during May and June of this year ... Competed in a show-stealing "King Of The Mountain" match at June's Slammiversary ... Expect Harris to use his catatonic, a swinging uranage slam, to pick up wins.

67 CLAUDIO CASTAGNOLI (6'5", 238, 6, 211) Towering Swiss independent is now a U.S. citizen ... Reluctantly back under the control of Chris Hero at CHIKARA, but he's under no such constraints at Ring of Honor ... Throws what is arguably the best European uppercut in all of wrestling ... Held the ROH, CHIKARA, and CZW tag titles with Hero simultaneously at the end of 2006 before being signed to a WWE developmental contract ... Was mysteriously released before reporting for duty ... Has been racking up wins as a single in Ring of Honor, as well as with a host of other American independents ... His Ricola bomb finisher is actually a pyramid bomb.

68 LA PARK (6', 230, 25, 75) One of the most recognizable luchadores in the world, Park is the original La Parka fans saw in ECW and WCW before a falling-out with AAA cost him his rights to the name ... One of the most in-demand freelance performers in Mexico ... In a "Ruleta De La Muerte" match in May, he escaped with his mask intact, while Villano III lost his hair ... Still appears with CMLL off and on ... His unsettled rivalry there against Dr. Wagner Jr. has made him a rudo by default ... Has a great twisting senton.



69 TIGER MASK IV (5'7", 178, 17, 31) Iconic junior heavyweight of New Japan Pro Wrestling wears one of the most famous masks in all of wrestling ... A former NWA junior heavyweight champion, he won the belt from Black Tiger in 2006 and held it for 16 months before losing to American independent Mike Quackenbush in May of this year ... Appeared at TNA's Sacrifice in a losing effort against Senshi, Jerry Lynn, and Alex Shelley ... The only man to win back-to-back Best of the Super Juniors tournaments didn't even make the semifinals this year, finishing third in his block ... Like his trainer, the original Tiger Mask, favors the tiger suplex as a finisher.

70 RIC FLAIR (6'1", 235, 34, 24) Quite possibly the greatest wrestler of all-time, this year starts Flair's 35th year of "stylin' and profilin'" ... Feuded to a positive conclusion with Kenny Dykstra, the youngest member of the WWE roster, through January ... Gave Carlito a verbal flogging in February, calling him self-centered and ungrateful for his spot on the roster ... The two soon became a regular tag team ... After an initial run of success, followed by a frustrating losing streak, Carlito turned against Flair in April ... Flair dominated subsequent encounters, but was drafted to Smackdown before the issue could be fully resolved.

71 BOBBY ROODE (6', 230, 9, 165) Following the dissolution of Team Canada last spring, Roode set off on his own as a free agent in TNA and began interviewing a series of potential managers ... Ended up selecting Tracy Brooks and reemerged on the TNA scene with a much more professional look and attitude ... Began a feud with former Team Canada member Eric Young during the winter months of 2006 ... Using Ms. Brooks as a seductress, he eventually tricked Young into teaming with him ... Spent much of the spring torturing Young ... Defeated Jeff Jarrett in the greatest match of Roode's career at Sacrifice ... Young eventually won his freedom in a match at Slammiversary ... Is picking up wins nowadays with a fisherman suplex.

72 JUN AKIYAMA (6', 231, 15, 20) The reigning Global Honored Crown heavyweight tag team champion (along with partner Takeshi Rikioh), he's held several titles in his home promotion, Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Won the tag title in April by defeating Takeshi Morishima and Mohammed Yone ... Held the GHC heavyweight title last year, until being upset in September by Naomichi Marufuji ... Formerly of the Sternness stable, he's now on his own, mentoring rookie sensation Makoto Hashi ... Started his career in All Japan Pro Wrestling ... Has rarely appeared outside his native Japan ... Known for his suplexes, his favorite being a variation of the exploder.

73 BLACK WARRIOR (5'7", 201, 21, 58) CMLL rudo has experienced a career rebirth since losing his mask to Mistico in September 2006 ... Won the NWA middleweight title from Mistico last May, but dropped the belt back to Mistico after five title defenses ... Famed for his rocket-like tope that often sends him several rows deep into the audience ... Nephew of lucha legend Blue Panther ... Disappeared from the scene in June, causing much speculation over his health ... His dreaded submission hold is the *nudo lagunero*.

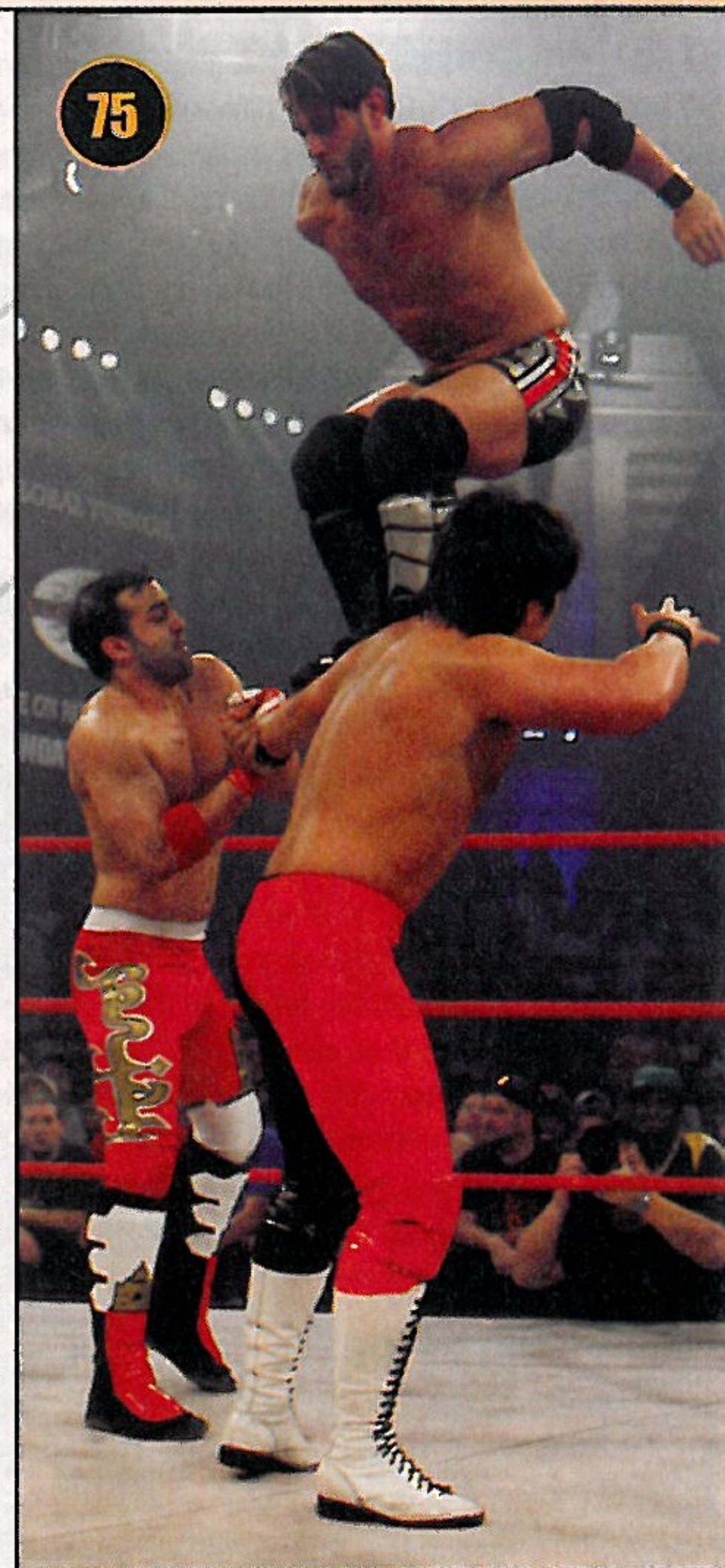
74 BROTHER RAY (6'4", 280, 16, 76) Mouthpiece of Team 3-D will go down as one of the greatest tag team competitors in wrestling history ... Most recent tag title reign remained elusive for more than a year, before Team 3D finally bested LAX at Lockdown ... His and Brother Devon's feat of capturing the ECW, WCW, WWE, NWA, and TNA tag team championships will likely never be repeated ... Also became half of the first-ever TNA World tag team champions when the company dropped its affiliation with the National Wrestling Alliance ... Popular brawler can still rally fans into a frenzy with his ultra-intense oratory style ... The Long Island native and his tag partner opened their own wrestling school in Florida, dubbed Team 3D Academy.

75 ALEX SHELLEY (5'10", 199, 5, 248) His work behind the camera of Paparazzi Productions helped him as much as his work in front of the cameras of TNA ... Caught the attention of Kevin Nash, who chose Shelley as the first of many X division protégés ... Won the initial "Paparazzi Championship Series" ... Quietly broke away from Nash in mid-2007 ... Outside the confines of TNA, Shelley had found much success teaming with fellow TNA star Chris Sabin as The Murder City Machine Guns in Zero-One Max and ROH ... The pairing was so successful that the pair have now begun to team in TNA ... Uses the Shellshock facebuster and the Border City stretch submission to pick up victories.

76 DAVEY RICHARDS (5'6", 185, 3, 145) A year after his debut, Richards joined the roster of Pro Wrestling Guerrilla in 2005 ... Won the Super 8 tournament in 2006, besting Charlie Haas in the final ... Debuted with Ring of Honor in June 2006, quickly becoming one of the company's hottest stars ... Won the epic 2006 version of the Battle of Los Angeles tournament, defeating CIMA in the final round ... A member of The No Remorse Corps stable in ROH with Rocky Romero and Roderick Strong ... Made his Japanese debut with Pro Wrestling NOAH in June, teaming with Bryan Danielson for tag team action ... Finishing maneuver is a double-underhook brainbuster.

77 WILLIAM REGAL (5'10", 255, 24, 123) The "Gentleman Villain" has seemingly turned a corner in his WWE career, finally escaping his lackey role to showcase himself as one of the best in the world ... He and old partner Dave Taylor were contenders for the Smackdown tag title for much of 2006 and '07 ... The team had a running feud with then-champions Paul London and Brian Kendrick that culminated in the pair's first-ever ladder match at Armageddon ... They then became embroiled in a feud with Kane and The Boogeyman ... Inventor of the Regal stretch, a variation of the STF ... Isn't above using the brass knuckles he calls the "Power Of The Punch" to win a match ... Won a battle royal to become general manager of Raw in August.

78 JAY BRISCOE (6'1", 206, 7, 330) One-half of the Ring of Honor tag team champions along with brother Mark ... Jay, the elder Briscoe, received a shot at ROH champion Takeshi Morishima in June and came close to unseating the champion ... The Briscoes fared well in NOAH's NTV Cup junior tag tournament that was held over the summer ... Defended the ROH tag team belts against Naruki Doi and Shingo, Christopher Daniels and Matt Sydal, Alex Shelley and Chris Sabin, El Generico and Kevin Steen, and Claudio Castagnoli and Chris Hero ... The Briscoes are also the FIP tag team champions ... Known for his "J-Driller" piledriver.



79 ATLANTIS (5'8", 199, 24, 34) Legendary luchador has been one of the hottest acts in CMLL since joining rudo stable Los Guerreros last year ... Held the CMLL trios title with Tarzan Boy and Ultimo Guerrero until February, before being defeated by Los Perros del Mal ... Captured the NWA light heavyweight title more than two years ago, and has successfully reigned ever since ... Made hundreds of independent appearances this past year, wrestling all over Mexico ... Won the mask of Villano III with his "Atlantida" backbreaker submission hold.

80 BROTHER DEVON (6'1", 260, 16, 63) The muscle behind the legendary Team 3D ... After several failed bids to win the TNA World tag team championship, took a break from action in 2006 before returning in October ... Received help from a long-lost "cousin," *Sopranos* star Steve Schirripa, in a "Belting Pot" match against rivals LAX ... Fans of Hermie Sadler's UWF saw a tag team dream match when Devon and Brother Ray lost to The Steiner Brothers in February ... With Scott Steiner hospitalized, Team 3D defeated the duo of Rick Steiner and Scott's substitute, Road Warrior Animal, at Slammiversary ... Can still fetch and set up a folding table in mere seconds.

81 HIROYOSHI TENZAN (6', 248, 17, 33) Leader of the Great Bash Heel faction in his home promotion of New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Broke away from Masa Chono and his Black Japan stable in 2006 and assembled his new group with Shiro Koshinaka, Togi Makabe, and Toru Yano ... Won the G-1 Climax last summer, his third time winning the tournament since 2003 ... Held the IWGP tag belts with Chono for most of 2006 before an injury forced them to vacate the title last September ... His TTD, short for Tenzan's tombstone driver, is as deadly as ever.

82 JAMES STORM (6', 245, 6, 53) TNA's "Cowboy" dumped his longtime America's Most Wanted partner, Chris Harris, in December and took up with a new best friend—a 12 oz. bottle of Miller Lite ... Beat Harris in a clumsy "Six Sides Of Steel" blindfold match that would have surely merited a Jim Ross "bowling shoe" analogy ... More than made up for it in a losing effort against the "Wildcat" in an excruciating Texas death match, which should warrant Match of the Year consideration ... In one of many instances of apparent public drunkenness, he spat beer in the face of former Tennessee Titan Frank Wycheck ... Teamed with Ron Killings against Wycheck and Jerry Lynn at Slammiversary ... Managed by the first woman ever to be ranked in the "PWI 500," Jackie Moore.

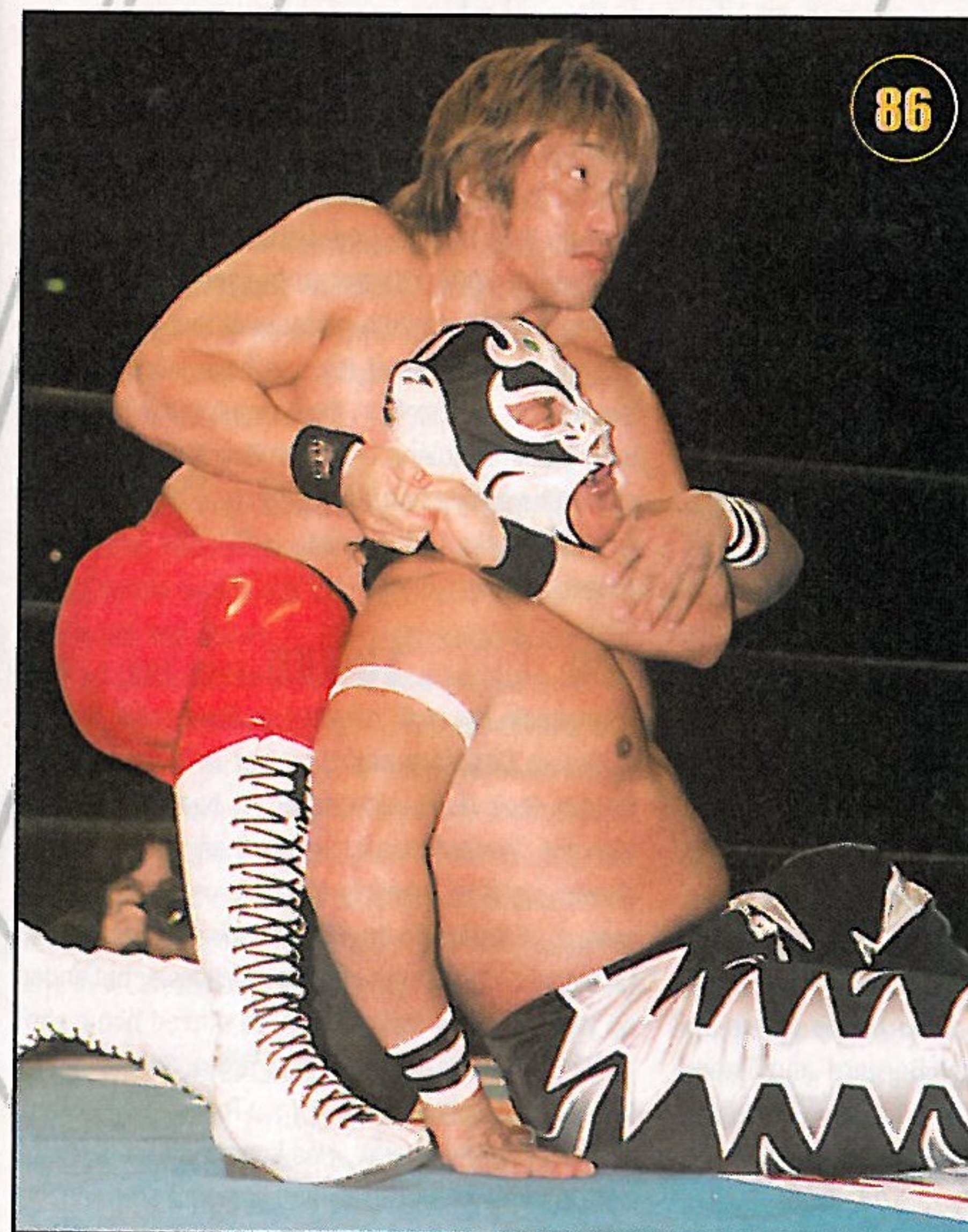
83 MARK BRISCOE (6'1", 198, 7, 327) Co-holder of the Ring of Honor and FIP tag team titles with his older brother, Jay ... The more animated and cra-

zier Briscoe brother, Mark nearly saw the end of his career after a mistimed shooting star press back in March ... Miraculously came back weeks later only to be re-injured by Kevin Steen ... Lost a singles bout to Steen in June ... Toured Japan with Pro Wrestling NOAH as part of the NTV Cup tag tournament ... Uses the "Cutthroat Driver" as a finishing maneuver ... Does not shy away from the shooting star press.

84 DOUG WILLIAMS (6'1", 233, 11, 69) "The Anarchist" is known as one of the premier technical wrestlers on the planet, and is probably England's top wrestling export these days ... Has held the ICWA (France) heavyweight title for over two years ... Wrestled on four Japanese tours with Pro Wrestling NOAH in the past year ... A regular in all of Europe's top promotions, including IPW-UK, RQW, and 3CW in England, IWW in Ireland, ICWA in France, WXW and GSW in Germany, and ROE in Austria ... Made it to the final of the first-ever King Of Europe Cup tournament in April before losing to Nigel McGuinness in a tough final ... Uses the "Chaos Theory" rolling German suplex for his finisher.

85 ZORRO (5'9", 200, 14, 152) Popular tecnico of AAA seems have spent part of the past year brainwashed ... Evincing a darker personality throughout 2006 and into 2007 ... Started wearing an iron mask to the ring, flirting with a switch to the rudo camp ... Has teamed with The Hell Brothers of late ... A four-time former Mexican National heavyweight champ, he lost the belt to Charly Manson last June ... Recaptured the UWA lightweight title at the beginning of 2007 ... Makes opponents tap out to his scorpion deathlock.

86 MINORU (5'8", 201, 9, 110) Once known as Minoru Tanaka, he donned the mask of "Heat" for a few years before unmasking and renaming himself MINORU ... Won last year's Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... Teamed with Jushin Liger in his CTU stable until the group disbanded in this summer ... Former IWGP junior heavyweight champion was dethroned by Ryusuke Taguchi in July, ending his fourth reign with the belt ... On special occasions, he uses his dreaded wrist-clutch fisherman-buster from the top turnbuckle.

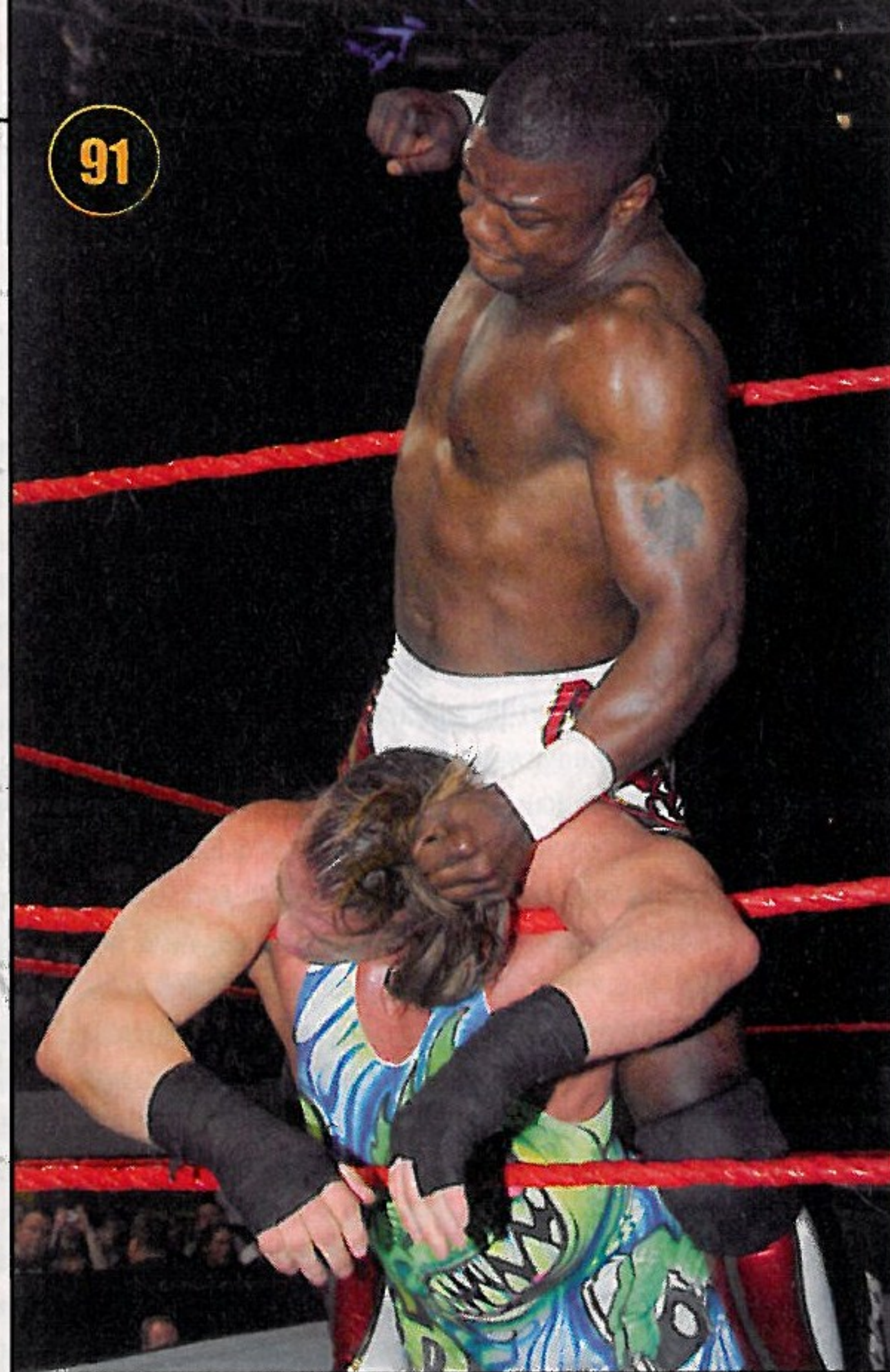


87 ELIJAH BURKE (6'1", 230, 3, 161) Once the corner man for Sylvester Terkay, Burke has come into his own as the leader of the ECW faction The New Breed ... Praised by WWE Chairman Vince McMahon as "the future of ECW" during McMahon's ECW debut ... Spearheaded The New Breed's war with the ECW Originals throughout the spring months ... Made his WrestleMania debut in Detroit, as The New Breed lost to The Originals in an eight-man tag match ... Recruited C.M. Punk to help tip the scales in the New Breed/Originals war, but paid the price when Punk sabotaged The New Breed from the inside ... Now focusing on getting revenge on Punk ... Destroys his opponents with the Elijah experience, a running double-knee attack.

88 DELIRIOUS (5'11", 192, 6, 295) Masked madman from the Midwest is a regular with such independent groups as Ring of Honor and CHIKARA ... Typically found in singles action, he sometimes teams with Hallowicked as Incoherence ... Aligned with the Resilience faction in ROH, he's been at war with former partner Roderick Strong and his No Remorse Corps practically all year ... Won ROH's "Survival Of The Fittest" series in October 2006 ... Has appeared with TNA sporadically over the years ... Recently popped up on some Dragon Gate cards in Japan ... His array of unique moves include "Chemical Imbalance #2" and the spine-crushing "Shadows Over Hell" backsplash.

89 CHRIS MASTERS (6'5", 270, 5, 219) "The Masterpiece" has been more focused on his physique than his win-loss record this past year ... Briefly feuded with Raw announcer Jerry Lawler last November, embarrassing "The King" at points, but ultimately not getting the last laugh ... Spent most of the early months of 2007 feuding with sometimes-nemesis Carlito ... Suffered the biggest loss of all this past March when Bobby Lashley became the first person in Masters' career to break the masterlock ... Took on smaller competition in the form of Super Crazy and then-Intercontinental champion Santino Marella in the spring months, only to be humbled by both men ... Drafted to Smackdown in June.

90 MEPHISTO (5'9", 191, 18, 54) Forms La Triada del Terror with longtime partner Averno and new addition Ephesto in the rings of CMLL ... This masked rudo is a former CMLL tag team champion, as he and Averno lost the belts in 2006 to Mistico and Negro Casas ... They have since been granted four rematches, but haven't recaptured the belts ... Loosely affiliated with Los Guerreros del Atlantida, Mephisto is often in the main-event picture, taking on Mexico's top tecnicos ... Sends opponents to dreamland with his underhook facebuster.



91 SHELTON BENJAMIN (6'2", 245, 7, 37) After losing direction as a singles wrestler on Raw, Benjamin found welcome change in reforming The World's Greatest Tag Team with Charlie Haas ... The two have had uneven success since their reunion, but the highlight was a show-stealing ladder match against The Hardys at the One Night Stand event in June ... Post-match brawl with The Hardys in the trainer's room showed how serious they are about reclaiming the title ... Had a hard time this year in their on-again, off-again rivalry with Cryme Tyme ... Benjamin uses an exploder suplex to pick up most of his victories.

92 INTOCABLE (5'11", 195, 8, 325) Dancing star of AAA is a favorite of the promotion's female fans ... Popular tecnico bounced back from a broken neck that was feared to have ended his career ... Frequent partner of Zorro, he was one of AAA's top draws during Latin Lover's hiatus ... Joined the cast of a telenovela (soap opera) in the spring that hurt his career momentum ... Won the hair of Golden Boy in May ... Virtually absent from all AAA cards since June, he worked independent dates throughout the summer months ... Uses the Asai DDT to put his opponents down for the count.

93 PETEY WILLIAMS (5'5", 180, 8, 86) Diminutive TNA competitor still boasts one of the most thrilling finishers in the business, the Canadian destroyer piledriver ... Former X division frontrunner has seen his progress stall with the collapse of Team Canada ... Was invited to join LAX, but showed he had a bit of a soft spot for the stars and stripes when he stopped the trio from burning an American flag ... Defeated Homicide in a December edition of *Impact* ... Took on Gail Kim as a manager during his feud with James Storm ... Has befriended Eric Young in recent months, and lost to "Showtime's" oppressor, Bobby Roode, in a "Six Sides Of Steel" match at Lockdown.

94 KEVIN THORN (6'3", 265, 7, NL) Originally thought to be an odd choice to take part in the ECW revival, the dark and brooding Thorn has become a staple of the brand since his debut last July ... An impressive series of wins got him noticed by WWE Chairman Vince McMahon in the lead-up to the formation of The New Breed ... Alongside Elijah Burke, Matt Striker, and Marcus Cor Von, Thorn waged war against The ECW Originals throughout the spring of 2007 ... Made his WrestleMania debut in Detroit, coming up short in an eight-man tag against the Originals ... Now on his own, without The New Breed or his valet Ariel to hold him back, Thorn is looking to take a bite out of the ECW championship ... His hanging jawbreaker is called the "Dark Kiss."

95 JAY LETHAL (5'9", 192, 5, 170) As the youngest wrestler on the TNA roster at age 22, Lethal has always had the support of the TNA fans, but has struggled to stand out in the X division ... Enlisted in Kevin Nash's "Paparazzi Championship Series" in order to elevate his status ... An off-the-cuff impersonation of "Macho Man" Randy Savage altered his career path, as Nash used that to create "Black Machismo" ... The change in persona paid dividends in the ring, as Lethal eventually captured the X division title from Chris Sabin at June's Slammiversary event ... Has taken up Savage's top-rope elbowdrop as his new method of winning matches.

96 SHINSUKE NAKAMURA (6'2", 229, 5, 130) Cocky young star of New Japan Pro Wrestling's heavyweight division is a former IWGP champion ... Debuted his new finishing move, the "Landslide," in October 2006 ... It's a variation of the Death Valley driver ... Won the G-1 Tag League with Black Japan stablemate Masa Chono in November 2006, beating Hiroshi Tanahashi and Koji Kanemoto in the final ... Challenged then-IWGP champ Tanahashi for the belt in December, but couldn't win the title ... Spent a portion of 2006 touring the world learning new styles of wrestling, and adding some muscle mass to his frame ... Frequently teams with Giant Bernard and Travis Tomko for trios action.

97 PAUL LONDON (5'10", 205, 7, 87) Alongside his partner, Brian Kendrick, the newly

bearded London is one-half of the most exciting young tag team in WWE today ... The pair shocked many pundits by holding the Smackdown tag title from May 2006 to April 2007 ... Took on all challengers throughout the spring, most notably the young team of Deuce and Domino ... Fought off the greasers for months, until the pair finally ended London and Kendrick's run as champions in Italy on April 20 ... Lost their only rematch with Deuce and Domino, and were then drafted as a team to Raw just two days later ... Opponents should be on the lookout for London's 450 splash.

98 BRIAN KENDRICK (5'8", 184, 8, 148) Held WWE's Smackdown World tag team title for 11 months with partner Paul London, the longest reign in the title's history ... Accepted challenges from all comers before losing the belts to Deuce and Domino on the April 20 edition of Smackdown when a missed moonsault injured London's ribs and left Kendrick to battle the greasers alone ... They were drafted to Raw on June 17 and won their debut match, defeating

Shelton Benjamin and Charlie's Haas ... Trained at Shawn Michaels' Wrestling Academy ... Continues racking up victories with his *shiranui*, which he calls "Sliced Bread #2."

99 TOSHIAKI KAWADA (5'10", 240, 25, 83) Iconic All Japan Pro Wrestling superstar has been freelance for the past few years, giving him the chance to wrestle wherever he chooses ... Primarily appears with HUSTLE and Zero-One Max ... Lost in his August 2006 attempt to become Triple Crown champ, but he earned a measure of respect for Taiyo Kea in the match, and the two have since become teammates ... Together, they captured the AJPW tag team title in February ... Lost to Keiji Muto in the final of the Champions Carnival in March ... Feared for his ferocious kicks to the head ... Favorite hold is the "Stretch Plum."

100 TRAVIS TOMKO (6'6", 292, 5, 407) Intimidating big man returned to the familiar role of Christian Cage's problem-solver in November ... Despite their close relationship, he has butted heads with the "Instant Classic" more than once, and has shown signs of wanting to move on to something more ... Entertained the idea of joining Team Angle to take on the Christian Coalition at Lockdown, but ended up joining Cage's faction ... Cage offered him a shot at his NWA World title if he could defeat Samoa Joe on the March 1 edition of *Impact* ... Tomko did just that, but never got his shot ... Has improved exponentially, both in terms of ring ability and presence since debuting in TNA.

101 THE GREAT KHALI (7'4", 408, 7, 144) In a sport where exaggeration is the norm, most of what is said about The Great Khali is still an understatement ... Standing 7'4" and weighing over 400 pounds, the Punjab, India, native has run roughshod over nearly all competition since arriving in WWE last spring ... Defeated Kane in his WrestleMania debut this past April ... Feuded with, and often dominated, Raw World champion John Cena after WrestleMania, but was unable to capture the title in several attempts ... Was drafted back to Smackdown, which proved to be a big break ... Claimed the vacant Smackdown World title by winning a 20-man battle royal in July ... With his size, Khali can turn even the simplest holds into match-enders, but prefers a hanging tree slam.

102 AUSTIN ARIES (5'9", 202, 6, 61) Popular Ring of Honor star saw his career stalled out during his topsy-turvy stay with TNA ... Sat on the sidelines during suspensions until finally being given his release from the company in June ... Took an immediate contract offer from ROH, where he once held the heavyweight title ... Failed in his April title shot against ROH champ Takeshi Morishima ... His final TNA feud, which lasted all of three weeks, saw him defeat Senshi with the help of Bob Backlund before Senshi got his revenge in a "Six Sides Of Steel" match at Lockdown ... Toured Australia in June ... Fond of the 450 splash.

103 YOSHINARI OGAWA (5'9", 198, 22, 282) Smallest man competing in Pro Wrestling NOAH's heavyweight division, Ogawa has found success regardless of what weight class he falls into ... Hasn't seen much singles action this year, concentrating his efforts on tag team competition along with Mitsuharu Misawa ... The two often add Ricky Marvin to the mix to form a tremendously successful trios combination ... Illegally unmasked Mushiking Terry in June, ripping his mask to shreds and challenging him to put up his junior heavyweight title ... The backdrop suplex is his favorite move.

104 HECTOR GARZA (5'10", 202, 15, 62) Charismatic rudo is always in the main-event mix at CMLL, where he's a top star with Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Perros del Mal stable ... Currently enjoying his third reign as CMLL trios champ, this time with partners Mr. Aguila and Perro Aguayo Jr. ... They won the title from Atlantis, Tarzan Boy, and Ultimo Guerrero in February ... Former Mexican National heavyweight champ ... A neck injury last year forced Garza to the sidelines, but he was back in action within a month's time ... Popularized the corkscrew plancha during his days in WCW, almost a decade ago.

105 GIANT BERNARD (6'6", 353, 9, 131) Known as Albert or A-Train during his days languishing in the WWE mid-card mix, Bernard is now a main-event star with New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Currently holds the IWGP tag team title with Travis Tomko, hav-

ing beaten Manabu Nakanishi and Takao Omori for the belts in March ... Made impressive defenses over Hiroyoshi Tenzan and Shiro Koshinaka as well as Yuji Nagata and Takashi Iizuka ... Won last year's New Japan Cup ... Faced Kurt Angle in Angle's New Japan debut this year ... Destroys opponents with his sit-out variation of the power bomb.

106 HOTSTUFF HERNANDEZ (6'2", 295, 11, NL) Powerhouse component of TNA's Latin American Exchange, teaming with Homicide ... With their punishing ring style and controversial message, LAX grew to become one of TNA's hottest tag team acts over the past year ... Even attempted to burn an American flag ... Defeated A.J. Styles and Christopher Daniels to capture the NWA World tag team championship in October at Bound for Glory ... Puerto Rican native has both awesome power and surprising agility ... Tope dive to the outside of the ring is just as impressive as The Undertaker's ... Running crucifix power bomb is devastating ... Tugboat Taylor and Shawn Michaels were among his trainers.

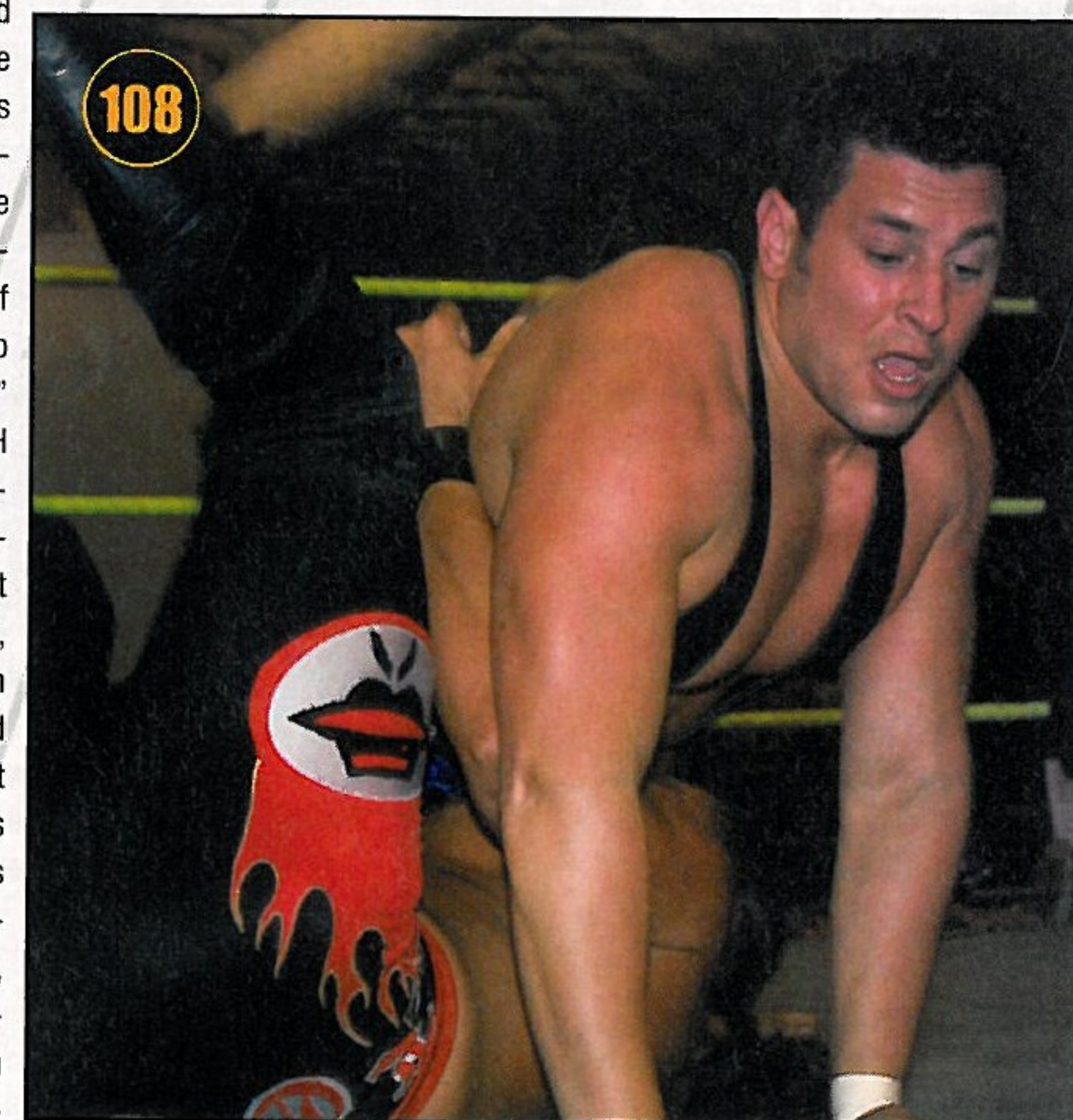
107 RICKY MARVIN (5'6", 186, 12, 230) Standout luchador is now a full-time member of the Pro Wrestling NOAH roster in Japan ... Won the GHC junior heavyweight tag team title with Kotaro Suzuki in January, defeating The Briscoe Brothers ... Sometimes dons the mask of "Mushiking Joker" to feud with Mushiking Terry ... Hasn't been back to Mexico in some time, but did tour Europe in the latter part of 2006, appearing in England and Germany ... Wrestled with Ring of Honor as part of its co-promotional shows with NOAH ... Uses a lightning-quick shining wizard to stun his opponents.

108 COLT CABANA (6'1", 235, 8, 67) The popular ROH star and founding member of the Second City Saints signed a WWE developmental contract in the spring, and now competes in OVW ... News of his departure led to "Thank you, Colt!" chants at his final ROH shows ... Appeared under a mask as Matt Classic for the now-defunct Wrestling Society X, which claimed he was in a coma for 40 years and won his first heavyweight title in 1952 ... His knack for comedy has made him a natural addition to the WWE family, but he is also a solid fundamental wrestler ... An October 2006 car acci-

dent sparked a widespread rumor that he had lost a toe, when in reality it was only bruised ... Has a bachelor's degree in marketing.

109 MR. AGUILA (5'8", 200, 12, 84) CMLL rudo has risen back to the main-event picture since joining the popular Los Perros del Mal stable ... Replaced the injured Perro Aguayo Jr. both in his feud with Mistico and in his role on the popular Mexican reality series *Los Cinco Magnificos* ... Won the reality competition in the spring, but lost the feud to Mistico ... Captured the CMLL trios titles alongside Perro and Hector Garza in February, defeating Atlantis, Tarzan Boy, and Ultimo Guerrero ... Fans may recall his WWE stint as Essa Rios before leaving for TNA and Mexico ... His signature *vuelo de aguila* is a twisting bodypress.

110 JIMMY WANG YANG (5'9", 185, 8, 246) After spending nearly a year away from WWE to work the independent circuit, Yang returned to WWE and the cruiserweight division as Smackdown's resident redneck ... While many fans were initially baffled by the idea of a Korean-American redneck, they quickly took to Yang's infectious enthusiasm and dazzling ring style ... Spent his first few months back bouncing from feud to feud on the undercard, and coming close to capturing the cruiserweight title on a few occasions ... Shifted his focus to Chavo Guerrero Jr. at February's No Way Out ... Spent the spring and summer chasing Guerrero, but wasn't able to capture the title ... Has adopted a moonsault press as his finisher of choice.



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111 DRAGON KID (5'6", 165, 9, 106) High-fly-ing prodigy makes his home with Dragon Gate in Japan ... Joined CIMA's new Typhoon faction, along with Susumu Yokosuka and Ryo Saito ... Sidelined by illness for two months, he made a return to the ring in March ... A former Open the Brave Gate champion, a title essentially for cruiserweights ... Returning to Ring of Honor in the U.S. for two Midwestern appearances over WrestleMania weekend, he picked up a win in an eight-man tag with his Typhoon teammates over a squad of ROH wrestlers ... His Dragonrana finisher is a full-flip into a huracanrana.

112 VAMPIRO (6'2", 214, 17, 128) Top star of short-lived Wrestling Society X, he was the company's champion until losing the title to Ricky Banderas ... One of the top stars in Mexico for over a decade ... Attacked by Banderas with a fireball in a WSX segment so controversial, it was pulled from broadcast ... Toured with All Japan in the spring, and took his biggest win of the year when he defeated Toshiaki Kawada ... His "Nail In The Coffin" finisher is a Michinoku driver.

113 KOTARO SUZUKI (5'8", 185, 6, NL) Pro Wrestling NOAH junior heavyweight is just as famous under his given name as he is for his masked alter-ego, Mushiking Terry ... Teamed with Ricky Marvin to take the most important win of his young career in January, when the duo unseated The Briscoe Brothers for the GHC junior tag team title ... As Mushiking Terry, also wears the GHC junior heavyweight belt, which he won in April ... He and Marvin ended up boxed out of the final of the summer's NTV Junior Tag League due to a draw against The Briscoes ... His "Blue Destiny" finisher is a Gory special into a neckbreaker.

114 THE BOOGEYMAN (6'5", 255, 3, 259) In the bizarre world of pro wrestling, it takes something special to be known as "the strangest" around, but The Boogeyman fits the bill ... A fixture on Smackdown programming for nearly two years, the 2006 PWIRookie of the Year has engaged in an entertaining series of matches with Finlay and his pint-sized accomplice, Hornswoggle ... Enlisted the aid of his diminutive sidekick, known only as "Little Boogey" ... Began teaming with Kane in April to aid in his feud with William Regal and Dave Taylor ... Later drafted to ECW ... Took great joy in torturing Matt Striker upon his arrival in ECW ... Uses a tree slam to punctuate his matches.

115 DOS CARAS JR. (6'4", 233, 7, 45) Current CMLL heavyweight champion captured the title in a historic match against Universo 2000, ending his almost three-year title reign in July ... The son of Dos Caras and nephew of Mil Mascaras, he's one of the biggest and strongest luchadores on the CMLL roster ... Won

last year's Copa Junior tournament over Hector Garza, which began his ascent to singles stardom ... Has some mixed martial arts experience ... Teamed with Valiente for this year's Gran Alternativa tournament, but they were ousted in the quarterfinals ... Pet move is a gorilla press dropped into a German suplex.

116 MANABU NAKANISHI (6'1", 266, 12, 154) Super strong Japanese heavyweight plies his trade in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Held the IWGP tag team title with Takao Omori from September 2006 until being dethroned by Travis Tomko and Giant Bernard in March 2007 ... That same month, Omori and Nakanishi lost their NWA Intercontinental tag team title to Kohei Sato and Yoshihiro Takayama ... Not as successful in the singles ranks, he finished dead last in the G-1 Climax tournament last year ... Now feuding with Daisuke Sekimoto from Big Japan ... Trademark hold is the Argentine backbreaker.

117 JEFF JARRETT (6', 230, 21, 10) TNA's resident "King Of The Mountain" spent a lot of time on the sidelines during the past year ... Sadly, he lost his wife, Jill, to cancer in May ... His sixth NWA title reign ended when he lost a title-vs.-career match against Sting at Bound for Glory in October ... In a post-match interview, he spoke of "dropping the ball" both in his professional and personal life ... After a six-month absence, he returned as the surprise fifth member of Kurt Angle's team in the "Lethal Lockdown" cage match, and helped Sting score the pinfall ... Lost to Bobby Roode at Sacrifice ... Uses his trademark move, the stroke, or if need-be, a guitar shot to the head, to win matches.

118 B.J. WHITMER (6'1", 230, 7, 218) Ring of Honor stalwart just doesn't quit ... Fought off the challenges of Brent Albright and Jimmy Jacobs for

most of 2006 ... Came out on top in a brutal tables match against Albright in February 2007 ... Fell to Jimmy Jacobs during ROH's "Supercard Of Honor II" show in March ... Unsuccessfully challenged ROH champion Takeshi Morishima in May ... Teamed with Davey Richards for May's Candido Cup tag team tournament, and made it to the semifinals ... Finishing move is the exploder suplex.

119 KEIJI MUTO (6'1", 244, 24, 52) Top star of All Japan Pro Wrestling still dons the face paint from time to time and transforms into his famed alter-ego, The Great Muta ... Wrapped up in a feud with Satoshi Kojima and the Voodoo Murderers stable, he's been calling on the support of Taiyo Kea and Kensuke Sasaki to fight them ... Couldn't capture the Triple Crown from Minoru Suzuki in their July title confrontation ... Made his U.K. debut this year, opposite Martin Stone of RQW ... Also made a few appearances in the U.S. in conjunction with The Insane Clown Posse's JCW ... Popularized the shining wizard several years back.

120 ERIC YOUNG (6', 218, 7, 172) The lovable fan favorite of TNA continues to hold a steady spot on the roster despite his own perpetual paranoia about being fired ... Has spent the majority of the past year entangled in a feud with Robert Roode ... Convinced that Young's popularity would aid his own burgeoning Robert Roode Inc., Roode sent manager Tracy Brooks to persuade Young to join up ... Brooks eventually succeeded and Young spent the next several months being humiliated by Roode ... Enlisted the help of friends Petey Williams and Jeff Jarrett to try to stand up to Roode, only to have them both turned back ... Eventually won his freedom at a match against Roode at Slammiversary ... Uses a neckbreaker variation to help him to victory.

121 TOSCANO (5'10", 206, 14, 65) Formerly known as Tarzan Boy, this longtime rudo in CMLL had to change his name this year for legal reasons ... Part of the Guerreros del Atlantida stable with Ultimo Guerrero and Atlantis, they held the CMLL trios titles until February, when they were defeated by Hector Garza, Perro Aguayo Jr., and Mr. Aguila ... Also a frequent partner of Olimpico ... Ended his feud with Pierroth in December by defeating him in a steel cage match and shaving him bald ... Likes to drop opponents on their heads with his elevated facebuster.

122 ARES (6', 235, 9, 193) Former Swiss banker toured with Pro Wrestling NOAH in the autumn of 2006 after impressive matches with Kenta Kobashi and Mitsuharu Misawa in his home promotion of WXW ... Forms the Swiss Money Holding stable with Claudio Castagnoli and Marc Roudin ... Currently holds the WXW heavyweight title he won from Mike Quackenbush in March, but has yet to meet a worthy challenger ... Made it to the finals of the 2007 16-Carat Gold tournament in Germany, but was defeated by Chris Hero ... Participated in the King of Europe Cup, but didn't fare well ... His pet finisher is a tiger driver.

123 KENNY DYKSTRA (6'4", 250, 6, 126) As the breakaway member of The Spirit Squad, Dykstra was the only one to survive the lopsided beatings that DX regularly administered to the group ... Abandoned the cheerleader garb and changed from "Doane" to "Dykstra" in December of last year, returning to Raw to aid Rated RKO in their feud with DX ... Engaged in a brief feud with Ric Flair, even managing to score a few pins on the "Nature Boy" ... At 21, he holds the distinction of being the youngest wrestler in either WWE or TNA ... His top-rope leg-drop is a sight to behold.

124 SUPER CRAZY (5'8", 215, 9, 119) Once seemingly destined to take part in the rebirth of ECW, the "Insane Luchador" is part of the Raw roster ... Made an immediate impact on the WWE's flagship program by defeating the much-larger Chris Masters in an open challenge match ... While some pundits might have seen the win as fluke, Crazy proved them wrong by defeating Masters again the very next week ... Began working his way into contention for the Intercontinental title, and has earned several shots at the belt ... Scored what may be the biggest win of his career by defeating Ken Kennedy in under 10 seconds in July ... Schooled in the art of lucha libre, Crazy delivers breathtaking moonsaults.

125 MASATO YOSHINO (5'9", 175, 6, 270) Ultra-fast cruiserweight from Dragon Gate in Japan has won over legions of fans with his quick mat work ... Won the Ring of Honor tag team title from The Briscoe Brothers with partner Naruki Doi in March ...

They held the belts for just three weeks before losing them back to The Briscoes ... He and Doi are both part of the Muscle Outlawz faction that includes Gamma and Magnitude Kishiwada ... With Doi and Gamma, he held the Open the Triangle Gate trios title until December ... His cross-arm variation of the triangle choke is called *sol naciente*.

126 RON KILLINGS (6'1", 230, 10, 132) TNA regular languished in the mid-cards in 2006, and spent nearly six months in 2007 recovering from knee surgery ... The time off hurt "The Truth" in this year's rankings ... Tried his hand at Hollywood, running trailers on *Impact* for films such as *Rambo*, *A Few Good Black Men*, and *Rocky Blackboa* ... The reviews were not good ... Finally quit TNA in June ... Has targeted Raw champ John Cena in several freestyles and interviews, creating something of a grudge between the two ... Made a surprise return to TNA and targeted "Pacman" Jones at Hard Justice.

127 REY BUCANERO (5'11", 197, 16, 39) Former member of Los Guerreros is now a main-event star on the tecnico side of the equation in CMLL ... Often teams with Negro Casas, Mistico, or other tecnicos against his ex-partners, Ultimo Guerrero, Toscano, and Atlantis ... The reigning CMLL light

heavyweight champion ended Ultimo Guerrero's four-year reign when he beat him for the belt last July ... Proved his dominance, winning a series of five rematches with Guerrero ... His dangerous finishing move, the "Buca Storm," compacts opponents and drops them on the base of their necks.

128 MATT SYDAL (5'10", 195, 6, 101) Graceful high-flyer splits his time between Dragon Gate in Japan and American independent Ring of Honor ... Went undefeated for the short-lived Wrestling Society X ... Advanced over El Generico and Ryo Saito in April's King of Europe Cup before falling to Doug Williams ... In June, he joined Sweet & Sour Inc. in Ring of Honor, under the auspices of Larry Sweeney ... Held the Open the Brave Gate title in Japan for a month, before losing a March match to Genki Horiguchi ... Has a picturesque shooting star press.

129 SHOCKER (5'8", 191, 15, 70) Charismatic luchador is back in CMLL after a forgettable stint in AAA ... Returned to team with Universo 2000 in his feud against Marco Corleone and Kenzo Suzuki ... They defeated the outsiders in December

at Arena Mexico, and Corleone and Suzuki were shaved bald ... Ended his Los Guapos VIP alliance with Zumbido and Alan Stone when he departed AAA in late-2006 ... Briefly aligned himself with Perro Aguayo Jr. and Hector Garza upon arriving in CMLL ... The group was jokingly called "Los Guapperimos del Mal" ... His backbreaking submission hold is known as *la reinera*.

130 GENE SNITSKY (6'4", 310, 9, 216) The most famous resident of Nesquehoning, Pennsylvania, reappeared in WWE with a new look and a vicious new attitude ... Debuted his new direction on the ECW brand, running through most of the roster in short order ... Attacked wrestlers seemingly at random after their matches, from Bobby Lashley to Matt Striker ... Made an impact by breaking Hardcore Holly's arm after defeating him ... Took out several members of The ECW Originals, including Mahoney, The Sandman, and Nunzio ... Before his path of destruction could reach the entire roster, Snitsky was drafted to Raw in June.

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131 TOGI MAKABE (5'11", 243, 10, NL) Current WEW heavyweight champion is a full-time member of the New Japan Pro Wrestling roster ... Won the largely defunct WEW title from Kintaro Kanemura in September 2006 and has held it ever since ... He and Shiro Koshinaka became provisional tag team champions last year, winning a tournament final over Travis Tomko and Giant Bernard, but were in turn beaten by Manabu Nakanishi and Takao Omori ... He and Koshinaka are now aligned with Hiroyoshi Tenzan's Great Bash Heel faction and Toru Yano ... Spent his formative years in Puerto Rico in the 1990s as Shinya Makabe ... Makes use of the dragon suplex hold.

132 OCTAGON (5'7", 189, 26, 315) Longtime lucha veteran is still in the main event mix in AAA, even years past his prime ... Feud with legendary rival Fuerza Guerrera continues with no end in sight ... Co-holder of the Mexican National tag team title with the AAA La Parka for four years now ... Sometimes joins The Hell Brothers in their feud against Muerte Cibernetica and the remnants of his rudo faction, La Secta ... Captured the Mexican National middleweight title from Zumbido last July, and has since made successful defenses over several AAA luchadores ... Patented submission hold is a side Russian legsweep converted into an octopus hold.

133 NARUKI DOI (5'10", 187, 7, 254) Young star of the Japanese promotion Dragon Gate had a breakout year ... Teamed with stablemate Masato Yoshino to briefly capture The Briscoes' Ring of Honor tag team title, but were beaten in a rematch ... Fighting with Gamma over control of the Muscle Outlawz stable that includes Genki Horiguchi and Magnitude Kishiwada ... Spent a part of 2006 on the sidelines nursing an injury, but returned in top form ... Uses the "V9 clutch" cradle to help him to victory.

134 SONJAY DUTT (5'8", 185, 6, 179) High-flyer of TNA's X division, Dutt's career has been in something of a holding pattern in recent months ... Joined Kevin Nash's "Paparazzi Championship Series" in an effort to elevate his star-power ... While he couldn't pull off the win in the PCS, he did catch Nash's eye ... Alongside Jay Lethal, Dutt joined Nash's clique, with Nash promising to develop Dutt's personality and take him to the top ... Recently remodeled his own image in the spiritual vein ... Won the 2006 UWA Hardcore Grand Prix tournament, last defeating Puma in Canada ... Competed as part of Team TNA for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February ... Uses his twisting 450 splash (the "Hindu Press") to rack up wins.

135 TREVOR MURDOCH (6'4", 240, 10, 191) Once thought to be permanently lost in the shuffle of the Raw brand, Murdoch and partner Lance Cade made a surprising resurgence in the weeks following this year's WrestleMania ... Slowly became trusted allies of The Hardys, and the mutual respect led The Hardys to grant Cade and Murdoch a shot at the Raw World tag team title ... Murdoch knocked Jeff Hardy's foot off the ropes before the referee could see it, allowing Cade to pick up the three-count and the title ... The duo turned against The Hardys post-match, cementing the fact that their alliance was a ruse ... When he wins, it's usually the result of a top-rope bulldog or a strong lariat.

136 UNIVERSO 2000 (6', 216, 22, 114) Aged veteran of lucha libre is on a never-ending retirement tour, following in the footsteps of his semi-retired brothers, Cien Caras and Mascara Ano 2000 ... Teamed with Shocker in late-2006 to begin a rivalry with Marco Corleone and Kenzo Suzuki ... The Mexican duo drew first blood ... Ended up losing his feud with Corleone, and then lost his hair to him at Arena Mexico in March of this year ... Sometimes teams with his nephew, Cien Caras Jr. ... His black hammer piledriver finisher has been banned by the lucha commission.

137 LANCE CADE (6'5", 262, 8, 235) As part of a much-ballyhooed tag team with Trevor Murdoch, the duo was almost written off early in their careers

... The team wrestled on *Heat* for much of the past 18 months ... Made a big impression this past April as one of the last two teams in a battle royal for the Raw World tag title ... The Hardys bested Cade and Murdoch at Backlash ... Respectfully asked The Hardys for one more shot at the belts and won the belts in June ... Further shocked the wrestling world by ambushing The Hardys after the match ... Cade uses a brutal lariat to finish off opponents, either on his own, or as part of a high-low combination with Murdoch.

138 JAY BRADLEY (6'4", 248, 8, NL) One of the fastest-rising stars in WWE's developmental system, Bradley has held heavyweight gold in Deep South Wrestling as well as in his new home promotion of Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Captured the OWW title in a three-way dance against OWW veterans Aaron Stevens and Paul Birchall in June ... Lost the title less than a month later to Birchall, but remains in pursuit ... Scored a big win against an old rival when he defeated C.M. Punk shortly after losing the title ... Competed as "Brad Bradley" during his days on the Midwestern independents ... Uses the "Second City Slam," a diving fireman's carry slam, to plow through the competition.

139 JERRY LYNN (5'11", 225, 19, NL) Back in action with TNA after working mostly as an agent for the company in recent years ... Goaded back into full-time competition by the disrespectful Chris Sabin ... Won a ladder match to compete for the X title at Destination X ... Lost the match to Sabin, and was then attacked by Christopher Daniels ... Lost to Daniels at Lockdown ... Teamed with former NFL player Frank Wycheck to defeat James Storm and Ron Killings at Slammiversary ... Won a four-way X division bout involving Alex Shelley, Senshi, and Tiger Mask IV at Sacrifice ... Also active on the independents ... The cradle piledriver is still his calling card.

140 MARCO CORLEONE (6'6", 265, 8, NL) You might remember him from his days as mid-carder Mark Jindrak, but to CMLL fans, Corleone is a bona fide superstar ... Won the hair of Universo 2000 in the main event of a sold-out CMLL card in March ... Mexican fans have embraced him, thanks in part to his spectacular feats of athleticism ... Won the Toryumon Suzuki Cup 2007 with partners Ultimo Dragon and Kensuke Sasaki ... His "Air Corleone" finisher is a flying bodypress delivered from the Arena Mexico runway, over the top rope, into mid-ring.

141 DICK TOGO (5'9", 219, 16, 208) Japanese independent is back in the limelight since re-teaming with TAKA Michinoku and defeating Gedo and Jado for the IWGP junior heavyweight tag titles in May ... Now competes for both New Japan and its offshoot LOCKUP promotion, in addition to making appearances with Japanese independents ... Retained the junior tag title against Koji Kanemoto and Wataru Inoue in July ... Took part in All Japan's summer Junior League tournament, and was beaten by eventual winner Chris Sabin ... Revered for his perfect execution of the senton.

142 JIMMY RAVE (5'11", 186, 7, 319) One of the most despised men on the Ring of Honor roster ... Feud with Nigel McGuinness saw Rave end up with a broken jaw in March and spend six weeks of the grueling period on the sidelines ... Returned to the ring in April to large fanfare, and destroyed upstart competitor Michael Elgin in short order ... Failed in his ROH title match against Takeshi Morishima in June ... Toured with Dragon Gate in the wake of ROH's Japanese debut in July ... Couldn't capture the IWA Deep South belt from Mike Quackenbush in their July title bout ... Started using a heel hook submission hold this past year.

143 MASAO INOUE (5'11", 234, 16, 241) Heavyweight wrestler with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan has been working overtime trying to become the company's next star ... Won the 2006 tournament to crown a number-one contender to then-champion Jun Akiyama's GHC heavyweight title ... Came up short in the title match ... Feuded with the Pen Pals tag team of Kishin Kawabata and Kentaro Shiga through the spring of 2007 ... Still teams up with Dark Agent stablemates Akitoshi Saito and Takashi Sugiyama from time to time, but has started focusing on his singles career ... Forces opponents to submit to his "Torture Rack" Argentine backbreaker.

144 JUVENTUD GUERRERA (5'5", 165, 15, 139) Son of legendary luchador Fuerza Guerrera is back where his career took off—in the rings of Mexican promotion AAA ... Leader of the Mexican Powers stable that also includes Crazy Boy, Joe Lider, and Extreme Tiger ... The group originally included the AAA Psicosis, but he turned against the team, causing them to lose the National Atomicos title to The Black Family in May ... Juvi and Psicosis have been going at it ever since ... Also feuding with his father, and the two have had several violent stipulation matches this year that Juvi has always lost ... His "Juvi Driver" is the Michinoku driver.

145 SEAN WALTMAN (6'1", 213, 15, NL) The former X-Pac defied critics who said his best days were behind him by becoming a major player for Wrestling Society X this year ... Took wins over Chasyn Rance and Larry Sweeney in Florida's FIP ... Teamed with Billy Kidman for a shot at the NWA tag

title, losing a round-robin match to eventual champions Joey Ryan and Karl Anderson ... Waltman's comeback tour eventually brought him south of the border to AAA in Mexico, where he joined Konnan's Foreign Legion faction ... Continues to surprise opponents with his X-factor finisher.

146 TAKA MICHINOKU (5'7", 172, 16, 125) Founder and top star of the Kaientai Dojo training facility and promotion in Japan ... Many fans fondly recall his days in both WWE and Michinoku Pro ... Teamed up with former Kaientai stablemate Dick Togo this year to capture the IWGP junior tag team title in New Japan ... They defeated Gedo and Jado in May, and have since made a successful defense against Wataru Inoue and Koji Kanemoto ... Aligned with the Get Sekigun faction, along with Yoshiaki Yago and KAZMA, in K-Dojo ... His signature "Just Facelock" submission is exactly that.

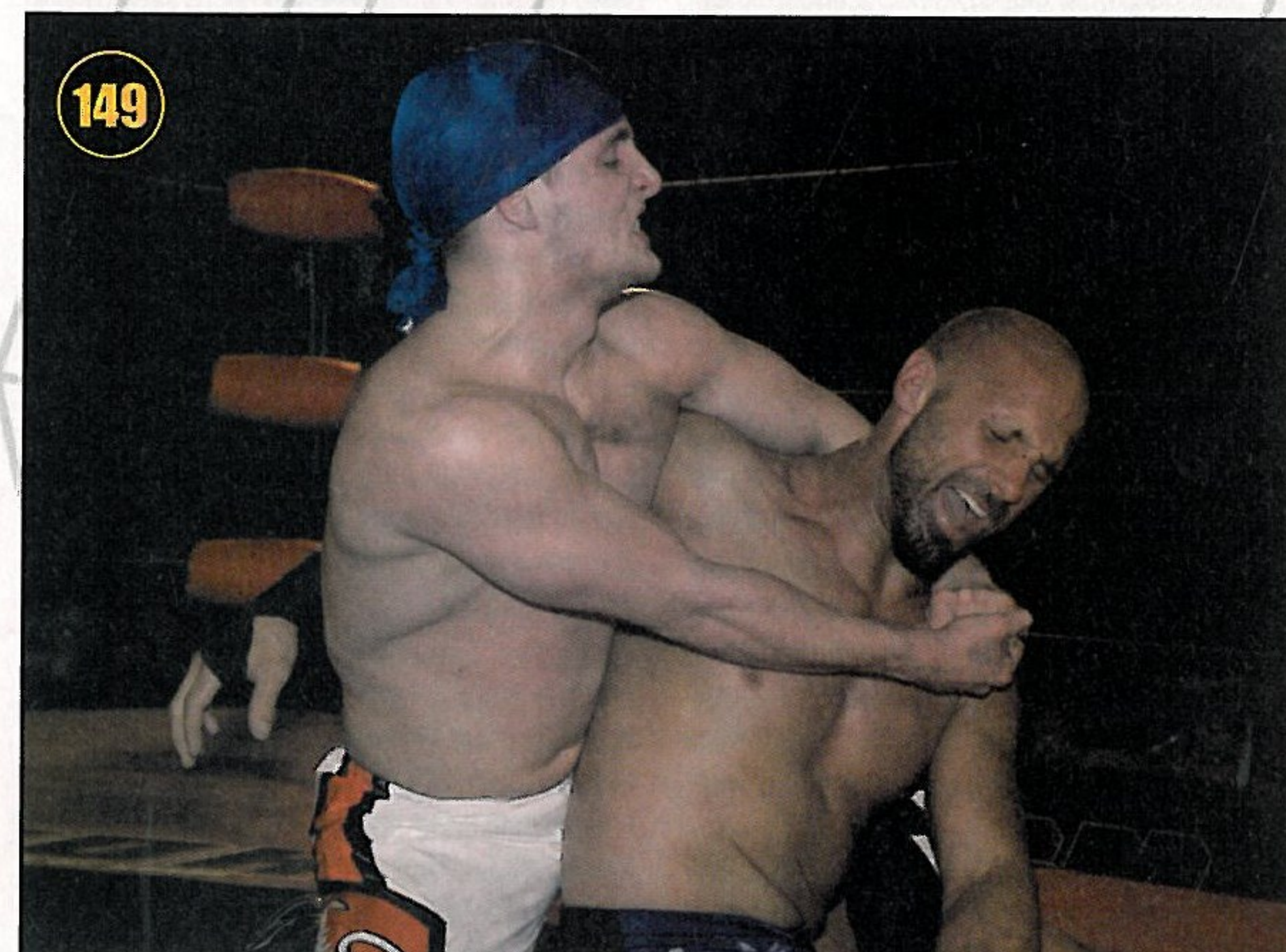
147 VOLADOR JR. (5'7", 182, 10, 192) This masked tecnico makes his living high above the rings of CMLL ... Originally groomed for Mistico's spot in the upper echelon, Volador has fought his way up to the main event over the years, often subbing for Mistico and serving almost as his understudy ... Won the 2007 Reyes de Aire tournament, cementing his position amongst Mexico's finest flyers ... Sometimes teams with his father, Volador Sr., who now competes as Super Parka ... His *quebrada* moonsault is a quite graceful.

148 MIKE MIZANIN (6'1", 210, 4, 174) The former reality television star was initially scoffed at by fans for his background and unorthodox appearance, but "The Miz" has shocked many observers by continuing to hold his own on the Smackdown brand ... Initially served as the "host" of Smackdown, but

wasn't able to fight the wrestling bug for long and switched to active wrestler status ... Scored wins over Matt Hardy and Chris Benoit, though the means of victory were questionable ... Drafted to the ECW brand ... Has found a reliable and unique finisher in the "Miz-ard Of Oz" reverse DDT variation.

149 JACK EVANS (5'8", 165, 7, 113) The "Prince Of Parkland" returned to Ring of Honor in late-July after a long stay with Dragon Gate in Japan, where he is part of the New Hazard stable ... At the end of 2006, he became part of MTV's Wrestling Society X, giving him national television exposure ... A regular with independent companies Jersey All-Pro and Pro Wrestling Guerrilla ... Defeated Shingo, Jimmy Jacobs, and Xavier in a spectacular four-way match in February ... Beaten twice by Roderick Strong in matches in ROH before scoring a huge win during ROH's Japanese tour in July ... Performs the mind-boggling flying phoenix senton.

150 ANDREW MARTIN (6'6", 302, 10, 253) Experienced a career resurgence and put on some of his best showings as part of the revived ECW, where he spent much of the first six months as one of Paul Heyman's hired hands ... Feuded with many of The ECW Originals, including Tommy Dreamer, The Sandman, and Rob Van Dam ... Disappeared from the brand shortly after failing to take the ECW title from then-champ Bobby Lashley ... Released from WWE in February ... Made sporadic indy appearances before surfacing in TNA as Andrew "The Punisher" Martin ... Opponents must be wary of his vicious running boot, as well as his "Test Grade" version of the fireman's carry Ace crusher.



151 KAZ HAYASHI (5'8", 187, 15, 55) Once the masked Shiryu of Michinoku Pro, Hayashi is now jokingly nicknamed "Miguel" after returning from a short tour of Mexico ... He forms The Mexico Amigos with TAKA "Pepe" Michinoku now ... Full-time member of the All Japan Pro Wrestling roster, he also helps train young wrestlers at the company's school ... Made a surprise appearance with New Japan in January, helping his team to victory in a 10-man tag match ... Won All Japan's Junior League tournament last summer ... His pet move, the "WA4" is a variation of the air raid crash.

152 EPHESTO (5'9", 189, 25, 280) One-third of the Triada del Terror with Averno and Mephisto, this CMLL rudo is a 25-year veteran of lucha libre ... Was ranked in the "PWI 500" last year as Hombre sin Nombre (Man With No Name) ... Formerly known as Safari, he gave up his tecnico persona in December 2006 ... Fighting his way up the cards in talent-rich CMLL, he's seen a lot of action against Mistico, Negro Casas, and the other top-tier tecnicos ... Loosely affiliated with Los Guerreros del Atlantida.

153 PAUL BIRCHALL (6'4", 281, 5, 247) Fans of Smackdown may best remember Birchall as the fan favorite pirate that was featured on the brand in mid-2006, but the Birchall of today is a much different man ... Since returning to Ohio Valley Wrestling full-time, Birchall has regained his form as one of the most dangerous technicians in the sport ... Captured the OVW heavyweight title from Chet the Jet to close out 2006 ... Started off 2007 with a string of successful defenses and became known as the "Most Dangerous Man In OVW" ... Spent most of the spring as a major part of the title picture, trading the belt with Cody (Runnels) Rhodes, Idol Stevens, and Jay Bradley ... Employs a spectacular backflip suplex called "C4" to finish his foes.

154 ABISMO NEGRO (5'9", 191, 17, 382) One of the top stars of Mexico's AAA promotion, he switches between the tecnico and rudo sides almost at random ... Has wrestled in the U.S. and Japan in years past, but wrestled almost exclusively in Mexico this past year ... He and Mini Abismo Negro lost their AAA Mascota tag titles to Alebrije and Cuije and have yet to receive a rematch ... Known for using a lighter and aerosol can to throw fireballs at opponents ... Made it into the final three of the annual Rey de Reyes tournament in March before being eliminated by TNA star Rhino ... Favorite move is the banned martinete piledriver.

155 JOEY MERCURY (5'9", 213, 11, 207) The former member of M-N-M was at the center of one of the most harrowing moments of 2006 when

his nose and orbital bone were shattered by an errant ladder shot at December's Armageddon ... Returned seeking revenge against Matt Hardy, whom he blamed for the injuries ... Re-formed the M-N-M tag team, alongside partner Johnny Nitro and manager Melina on a semi-regular basis in the spring of 2007 ... Released by WWE in late-March ... Returned to his roots on the independent circuit shortly thereafter, testing his skills against rising stars such as Arik Cannon and Tyler Black ... Beat Adam Flash for the Maryland Championship Wrestling title in July, ending Flash's 364-day reign ... Finishes matches with a double-arm DDT.

156 KOJI KANEMOTO (5'10", 205, 17, 146) Mainstay of the junior heavyweight division in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Started his career as the masked Tiger Mask III ... Won the AWF tag team title with Choi Tesan in May, defeating Togi Makabe and Toru Yano ... Carried the IWGP junior heavyweight title through most of 2006 ... Lost it in December to MINORU ... Sometimes jumps a weight class to fight the heavyweights, and has found success in that division teaming with Hiroshi Tanahashi ... Had a long feud this past year with the members of CTU ... His moonsault press is spectacular.

157 Hardcore Holly (6'1", 235, 17, NL) Long known as one of the toughest men in WWE, Holly finally got his chance to cement that reputation by joining the revitalized ECW in August 2006 ... Had one of the longest, most memorable matches in the short history of the new ECW, battling Rob Van Dam and suffering a large gash in his back ... Delivered C.M. Punk his first singles loss in ECW, ending a five-month unbeaten streak ... Turned his attention to Bobby Lashley and the ECW title in January, but was turned back on several occasions ... Had his arm broken by Snitsky in April ... While sidelined, he was drafted to Smackdown ... Likes to use the vicious Alabama slam to take out opponents.

158 DAMIAN 666 (5'9", 218, 22, 93) CMLL rudo has enjoyed a resurgence of popularity, thanks to his alliance with Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Perros del Mal stable ... One-third of the reigning Mexican National trios championship team, alongside Halloween and Mr. Aguila ... They won the belts from Maximo, Sagrado and Texano Jr. in April ... Made their first successful defense of the title against Negro Casas,



Heavy Metal, and Volador Jr. in June ... Has held a total of seven tag team titles throughout Mexico and the U.S. with Halloween ... His mini-counterpart is Damian 333 ... Loves to smack opponents over the head with a Singapore cane.

159 LANCE HOYT (6'9", 290, 7, 276) As the driving force behind "Hoytmania" in TNA, he has experienced a roller-coaster of events in the past few months ... Formed an odd tag team with Ron Killings in late-2006 ... A knee injury to Killings left Hoyt on his own ... Fell into a feud with Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Pierzynski ... Defeated Dale Torborg, the White Sox conditioning coach and former wrestler "Demon," in a "Basebrawl" match at Against All Odds ... Became the unlikely backup to The Voodoo Kin Mafia in their battle with Christy Hemme ... Eventually turned against VKM and revealed his new relationship with Hemme ... Uses either the running boot or the power bomb to garner most victories.

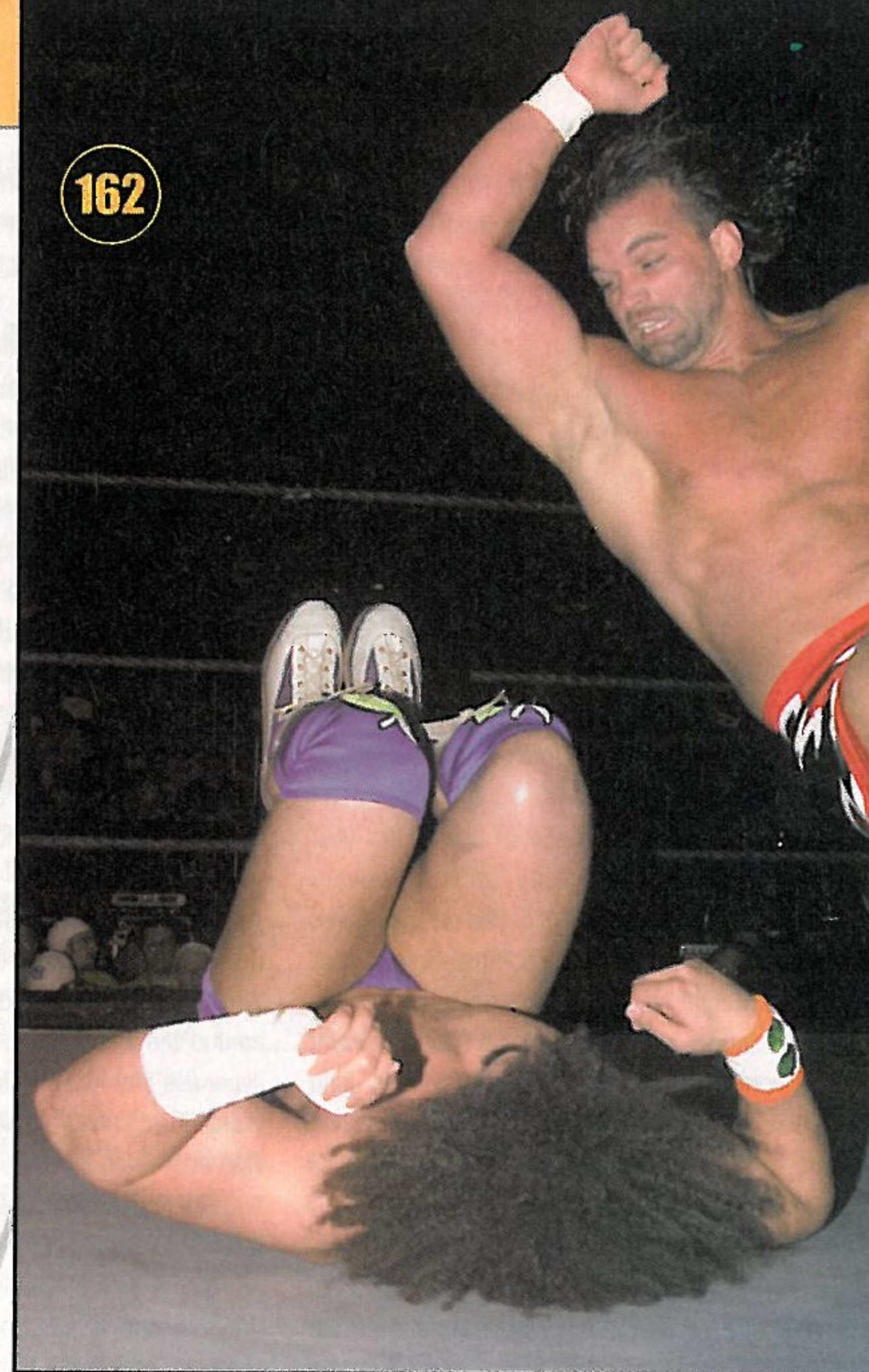
160 SHAWN SPEARS (6'3", 235, 5, NL) WWE developmental talent has been stationed at Ohio Valley Wrestling since May 2006 ... He and tag partner Cody (Runnels) Rhodes had a healthy six-month reign as Southern tag team champs, until being defeated in April by the duo of Charles Evans and Justin LaRoche ... The tag team dissolved and the former partners have squared off a few times ... Beat Boris Alexiev (Santino Marella) for the OVW TV title in March ... Has defended the belt against Mike Mondo, Chet the Jet, and Steve Lewington ... His signature move is a running Death Valley driver.

161 LA MASCARA (5'9", 187, 7, 133) Talented CMLL tecnico is struggling to make an impact in the crowded mid-card mix ... Started off hot in the wake of his Gran Alternativa tournament win with Atlantis two years back, but has run hot and cold since ... Won the 2006 Reyes de Aire tournament ... Reigned for 19 months as Mexican National welterweight champion until Sangre Azteca defeated him for the belt in December 2006 ... Has yet to be granted a rematch ... The son of Brazo de Oro ... Signature hold is the *la campana*, or as it's known in the U.S., the rocking horse.

162 CHARLIE HAAS (6'2", 265, 11, 138) A gifted athlete in both the amateur and professional ranks, Haas has spent 2007 reunited with the similarly talented Shelton Benjamin as The World's Greatest Tag Team ... While they haven't exactly lived up to the name, they did show flashes of brilliance in the first half of the year ... Challenged The Hardys for the Raw World tag title in a thrilling ladder match at One Night Stand ... Alongside Benjamin, Haas is helping to play a major part in the rejuvenated tag division on the Raw brand ... Utilizing variations of his amateur repertoire, he likes to pin opponents with any number of suplexes.

163 HEAVY METAL (5'7", 181, 18, 180) Popular CMLL tecnico is a second-generation luchador and the brother of Felino and Negro Casas ... Also a regular with the IWRG promotion, where he and his two brothers reigned as trios champs in 2005 ... Career has slowed down a lot since he departed AAA two years back, and has yet to have a real singles feud in the talent-rich CMLL mix ... Teaming with Super Nova for the 2007 installment of the Gran Alternativa, they fell in the quarterfinals to eventual winners Mistico and La Sombra ... Known for his cradled pinning combination *la casita*.

164 BASHAM (6'2", 245, 15, NL) After a largely uneventful 2006, this tag team specialist is back in the title hunt with his partner, Damaja, in TNA ... Spent the second half of 2006 disguised in riot gear as one-half of Paul Heyman's personal enforcers in ECW ... Former Smackdown World tag team champion was released from the company in January ... With



Damaja, Basham was introduced as Christy Hemme's mystery team to take on The Voodoo Kin Mafia in May ... They defeated Kip James and Lance Hoyt at TNA's Sacrifice event in May, but lost to VKM at Slammiversary in June.

165 LIZMARK JR. (6'2", 242, 16, 212) Celebrated second-generation star turned rudo in May of this year, and is making top CMLL star Mistico the target of his aggressions ... Aligning with Los Perros del Mal made him into a superstar overnight ... Won the hair of Universo 2000 in Acapulco before a giant crowd in April ... Illegally unmasked veteran Blue Panther in June ... An elbow injury suffered at the hands of Mistico sidelined him for six weeks during the summer ... Likes to use a Liger bomb as a finisher.

166 AARON STEVENS (6'4", 237, 6, 167) "The Idol" has been competing in OVW since 2004, but won the OVW heavyweight title for only the first time in March ... Nearly won his second OVW title after seemingly pinning champion Paul Birchall, but the title was instead held up when two referees disputed the decision ... In 2006, teamed with K.C. James as manager Michelle McCool's favorite "teachers' pets" and were top contenders for the Smackdown World tag team championship ... Defeated then-champs Paul London and Brian Kendrick in a non-title match in August 2006 ... Favors a spinning neckbreaker he calls "The Idolizer."

167 ADAM PEARCE (6'2", 233, 11, 99) "Scrap Iron" has become a mainstay of the Ring of Honor roster this past year, splitting his time between ROH commitments and NWA Pro ... Won the NWA Heritage title in a tournament final last October ... Handpicked as Colt Cabana's final ROH opponent on the eve of Cabana's departure for WWE ... Lost to Cabana, but rebounded to earn a title shot at ROH champ Takeshi Morishima ... Morishima made quick work of Pearce in June ... Involved in the title tournament for the vacant NWA heavyweight championship, taking wins over Aaron Aguilera and Chad Parham before falling to Bryan Danielson ... Has a great jumping piledriver.

168 B.G. JAMES (6'2", 261, 14, 105) Alongside longtime partner Kip James, B.G. spent much of the late-fall and early-winter waging their two-man war on WWE ... As The Voodoo Kin Mafia, the duo made several grandstand challenges to Vince McMahon, Shawn Michaels, and Triple-H ... Made waves with video packages that showed them outside WWE headquarters and WWE live events ... Challenged Michaels to a high-noon fight at the Alamo that went unanswered ... Was dragged somewhat unwillingly into Kip's war with Christy Hemme ... Hemme's latest team, Damaja and Basham, assaulted B.G. and sidelined him with a concussion ... Will surely be looking to use his pump-handle slam to exact some revenge upon his return to the ring.

169 HALLOWEEN (5'8", 209, 17, 89) CMLL rudo has enjoyed a resurgence of popularity thanks to his alliance with Perro Aguayo Jr.'s Perros del Mal stable ... One-third of the reigning Mexican National trios championship team, alongside Damian 666 and Mr. Aguila ... They won the belts from Maximo, Sagrado, and Texano Jr. in April ... Made their first successful defense of the title against Negro Casas, Heavy Metal, and Volador Jr. in June ... Has held a total of seven tag team titles throughout Mexico and the U.S. with Damian 666 ... Took some time off after suffering a neck injury from a piledriver, returning at full strength last summer ... Famed for his signature submission hold "La Calabaza."

170 KIP JAMES (6'4", 254, 14, 102) Went through yet another transformation in his persona, abandoning the "James Gang" moniker he and partner B.G. James had been using in favor of the name "Voodoo Kin Mafia" ... The change in name was a thinly veiled shot at their former employer at WWE ... Often uses his previous moniker, Billy Gunn, for independent appearances ... Shifted his attention in recent months to a war of the sexes with Christy Hemme and her team, Basham and Damaja ... Still finds success with his fousouer.

171 CHESSMAN (6'1", 231, 11, 388) AAA tecnico is part of the popular Hell Brothers stable with Cibernetico ... Formerly of La Secta Cibernetica, the group of then-rudos dissolved in November 2006, leaving Chessman, Charly Manson, and Cibernetico to fend for themselves ... They have been feuding with Muerte Cibernetica and the other remaining members of La Secta ever since ... Also ended his alliance with The Black Family, with whom he had been a National Atomicos champion ... Known for his blood-red facepaint and penchant for using foreign objects ... Has a brutal spear in his repertoire.

172 CODY RHODES (6'1", 232, 1, NL) The son of the son of a plumber, the "American Dream" Dusty Rhodes ... As Cody Runnels, he held the OVW heavyweight title for a day in February after defeating Paul Birchall ... Also held the Southern tag team championship with Shawn Spears ... Had a falling-out with Spears, and the two traded the OVW TV title ... Spears had the upper hand in the feud when Rhodes was called up to the Raw roster ... Immediately targeted by Randy Orton, who was trying to goad Dusty into a match ... It worked ... Wears both yellow polka dots and silver on his trunks, a tribute to his dad and his big brother, Dustin "Goldust" Rhodes ... His father's legendary riding partner, Magnum T.A., is his godfather.

173 MATT STRIKER (5'10", 219, 8, 166) The former social studies teacher from Queens, New York, has surprised many fans with the impact he's had on the ECW brand ... Began a feud with The Sandman shortly after arriving in ECW, and often got the upper-hand on the "Extreme Icon" ... Eventually became part of The New Breed alongside Elijah Burke, Kevin Thorn, and Marcus Cor Von ... Made his WrestleMania debut as part of The New Breed, losing an eight-man tag to The ECW Originals ... Now helps Elijah Burke in his new war against C.M. Punk ... Uses the neckbreaker as his finishing move.

174 TAJI ISHIMORI (5'8", 182, 5, 188) Graduate of the Ultimo Dragon Gym and top star of the Toryumon X, Ishimori has developed into the man to watch in Pro Wrestling NOAH's junior heavyweight division ... Teamed with KENTA to win the NTV Junior Tag League tournament in NOAH this summer, last defeating Kota Ibushi and Naomichi Marufuji in a spectacular match ... Went freelance a few years back, gaining experience in Europe and with groups such as All Japan and HUSTLE ... Now a regular with NOAH, where he's improved dramatically ... Came up short in his title match against junior champ KENTA ... His "Superstar Elbow," a backward-rotating 450 into an elbowdrop, is nothing short of amazing.

175 DAMAJA (6'3", 250, 8, NL) The former Danny Basham is now plying his trade in TNA ... His longtime partner, Doug Basham, was once one of his fiercest rivals in OVW, where Damaja wore the heavyweight title on four occasions ... The two sometimes teamed as the helmeted Riot Squad in ECW in 2006 ... Returned to OVW for a spell, where he briefly served as an authority figure ... Released by WWE in January 2007 ... A frequent competitor in IWA Mid-South, he lost his title match against heavyweight champion Chuck Taylor in May ... Uses a spinning choke bomb as his finishing maneuver.

176 FELINO (5'7", 190, 25, 156) Lightning-quick CMLL tecnico is the brother of Negro Casas and Heavy Metal ... Teamed with fellow feline La Pantera to win the IWRG Intercontinental tag title in June of last year ... They reigned until May 2007, when they were unseated by the rookie tandem of El Hijo del Cien Caras and Mascara Ano 2000 Jr. ... A three-time former CMLL welterweight champion, he's been working his way up the ladder of contention for a shot at current champ Mephisto ... Traveled to Los Angeles in June and kept his mask in a match that saw him win the hair of Perro Ruso ... Like all of his relatives, he uses *la casita* to pin his opponents' shoulders to the mat.

177 MIKE QUACKENBUSH (6', 191, 16, 289) Veteran American independent has earned the nickname "Master Of A Thousand Holds" ... Took his biggest career win in May of this year when he captured the NWA junior heavyweight title from Tiger Mask IV ... Definitely beat archival Chris Hero two weeks later, ending their two-year CHIKARA rivalry ... Captured the IWA Deep South championship from Hallowicked in March ... Also reigns as champion of the Pennsylvania-based Pro Wrestling Entertainment promotion ... Made his long-overdue Ring of Honor debut in April to rave reviews ... Pins opponents with his "Quackendriver 3" or makes them tap out to his new invention, the "CHIKARA Special."

178 DON FUJI (5'9", 212, 9, 206) One of the originals in Dragon Gate, Fuji, like his peers, learned his craft in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Typically teamed with CIMA, Fuji is now on his own since CIMA formed Typhoon ... Won Dragon Gate's top title, the Open the Dream Gate championship in November 2006 by defeating Susumu Yokosuka ... Made his first successful defense in February 2007 over Masaaki Mochizuki ... Lost the title to New Japan star Jushin Liger in March ...

Stocky wrestler is at home on the mat, unlike his high-flying Dragon Gate cohorts ... His "Nodowa Elbow" is a combination chokeslam and elbowdrop.

179 SANTINO MARELLA (6', 222, 2, NL) Rookie sensation shocked the world by accepting an open crowd challenge and defeating Umaga for the WWE Intercontinental title at Raw in Milan, Italy, on April 16 ... Italy-born Marella spent most of the preceding year honing his craft in Ohio Valley Wrestling, where he was known as Boris Alexiev ... Lost the belt back to Umaga in July after seven successful defenses ... Frequently seen backstage with Maria Kanellis ... The two are rumored to be more than just friends ... Keeps opponents guessing with an array of judo and other MMA holds, as well as some unorthodox takes on classic professional wrestling maneuvers.

180 KEVIN STEEN (5'10", 225, 8, 342) Canadian independent dubbed himself "Mr. Wrestling," and has made it his mission to show fans around the world why ... Quebec native toured with Japanese promotion Dragon Gate last year, as well as visited Europe and all the North American hotbeds ... Was eliminated by CIMA from last year's Battle of Los Angeles tournament ... Title match with PWG champion Human Tornado in February ended in a no-contest ... Teams with El Generico in Ring of Honor ... The unlikely duo is positioned for a shot at ROH tag champs The Briscoe Brothers ... His trademark move is the package piledriver.



181 KATSUHIKO NAKAJIMA (5'9", 180, 4, 49) The reigning All Japan Pro Wrestling junior heavyweight champion is the protégé of Kensuke Sasaki and his wife, Akira Hokuto ... Ended the 16-month reign of Shuji Kondo to begin his championship run in February ... Made his first successful defense of the title in April, defeating Brother YASSHI of The Voodoo Murderers ... Meteoric rise since debut at age 15 has earned him the nickname "Super Nova" ... The youngest wrestler to ever compete in the annual Champions Carnival tournament ... Like his adopted parents, his signature move is the Northern Lights bomb.

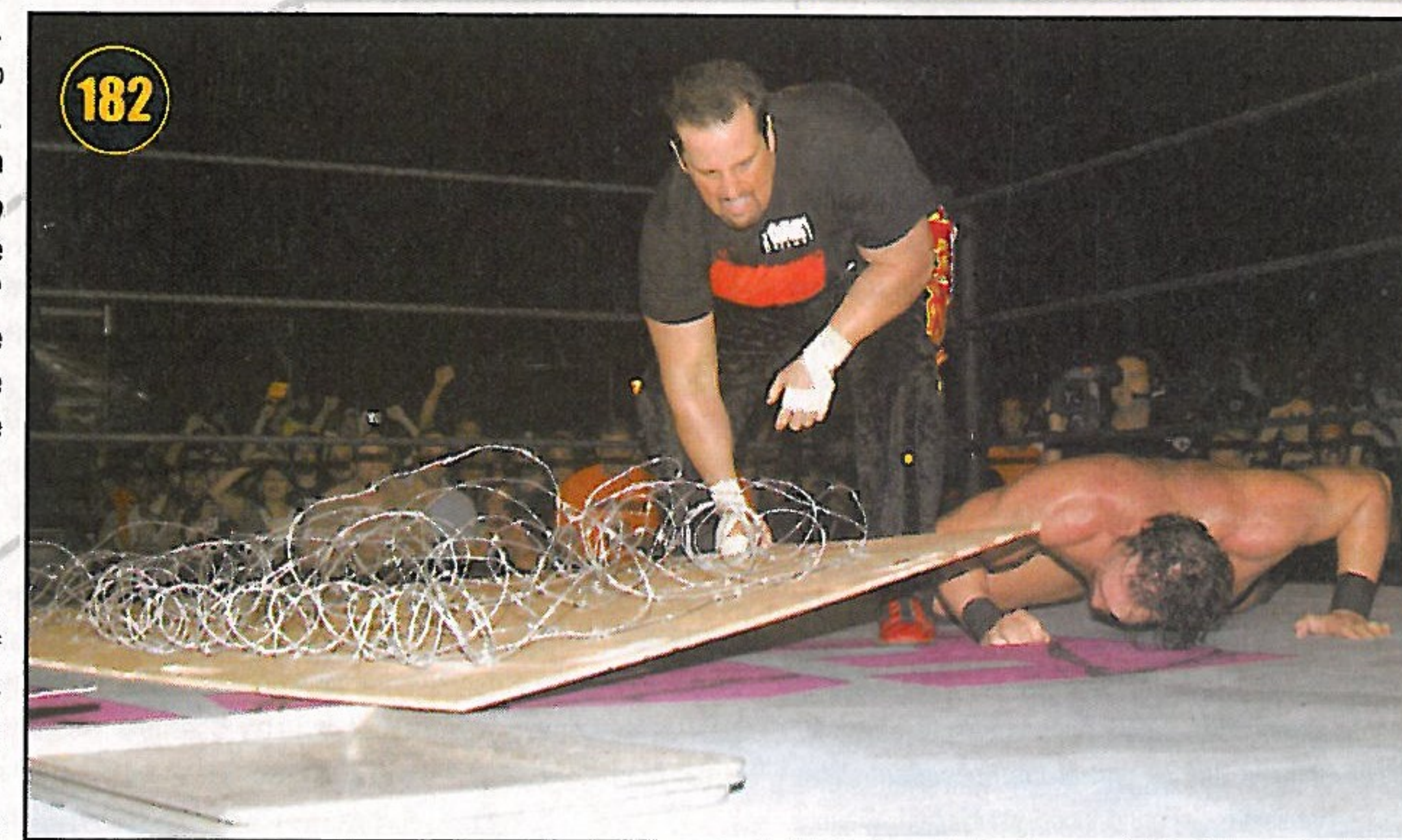
182 TOMMY DREAMER (6'3", 248, 18, 175) As the cornerstone of the original ECW, perhaps no one took more pride in the rebirth of the brand ... Bounced from feud to feud for the first few months before eventually being pulled into the ECW Originals vs. New Breed rivalry ... After six years with WWE, he finally made his WrestleMania debut this year, on the winning side of an eight-man tag match between The ECW Originals and The New Breed ... Since the New Breed feud cooled, Dreamer has had a hard time in singles, losing matches to Randy Orton, Bobby Lashley, and Gene Snitsky ... Still uses his trademark DDT to finish off opponents.

183 PAC (5'8", 178, 3, NL) Fans around the world know how this mind-boggling aerialist earned the tag "The Man That Gravity Forgot" ... This native of Newcastle, England, has wrestled not just all over Europe, but in the U.S. for Pro Wrestling Guerrilla, CHIKARA, and Ring of Honor ... The current WXW (Germany) lightweight champion, he defeated Tommy End back in December and has reigned ever since ... Won the PWG tag team title with Roderick Strong in a May tournament final ... Lost to Chuck Taylor in a Rey de Voladores tournament semifinal for CHIKARA on April 22 in Philadelphia ... Signature move is a corkscrew shooting star press that must be seen to be believed.

184 MARK HENRY (6'2", 372, 11, 41) The self-proclaimed "King Of The Jungle" made a startling return to the Smackdown brand in May, assaulting then-champion The Undertaker, and setting him up for Edge to cash in his "Money In The Bank" title shot to capture the gold ... Defeated Kane not once, but twice in his return, including a rare submission win ... Took out Little Boogey in a vicious post-match mugging ... Has made many big statements about his plans for the future on the Smackdown brand ... He'd better make his move quickly, before he suffers another career-altering injury ... Turns the simplest move into a deadly attack, using any combination of a bearhug, falling slam, and splash to take his opponents out.

185 ALEX KOSLOV (5'9", 190, 4, NL) Trekking from Moscow to Mexico, Koslov is now enjoying main-

event status as a tecnico in CMLL ... Spent time honing his craft around the Los Angeles circuit, where he



picked up the lucha libre style ... Sometimes breaks out into a wacky Cossack dance in mid-match, to the delight of Mexican fans ... Lost to Volador Jr. in February's Reyes de Aire Cibernetico ... Challenged NWA lightweight champion Atlantis in May, but was defeated ... His trademark submission, the "Red Scare," is a side Russian legsweep, floated into a cobra stretch.

186 THE SANDMAN (6'3", 235, 18, 150) The "Hardcore Icon" was a major part of the ECW re-launch last June ... Caned his way through most of the ECW roster throughout the summer ... Became engaged in a feud with Matt Striker in the fall that saw Striker out-think and frustrate Sandman on numerous occasions ... The Striker feud was a precursor of the ECW Originals vs. New Breed war that consumed the brand in early-2007 ... Made his WrestleMania debut in the Originals-New Breed eight-man tag ... As the feud with the New Breed died down, Sandman was uprooted and drafted to the Raw brand ... Though technically illegal, Sandman still enjoys pinning opponents with his White Russian legsweep.

187 STEVE CORINO (6'1", 225, 13, 264) After slowing down considerably in 2006, Corino recently announced that 2007 would be the last year of his career ... Spent the back-half of 2006 tangled up in the final chapter of his most violent feud, against longtime rival Homicide ... The feud culminated in a violent brawl in Philadelphia, with Corino being pinned and having his head shaved ... The two agreed that while they would never be friends, they-respected each other as fighters and that they would cease hostilities ... Lost his "King Of Old School" moniker to WWE copyrights ... Has spent much of 2007 competing sporadically in the United Wrestling Federation, as well as making his final rounds on his retirement tour.

188 MAXIMO (5'7", 176, 7, 96) Effeminate CMLL tecnico is one of the promotion's most popular mid-card attractions ... His autumn 2006 feud with Emilio Charles Jr. culminated in a hair-vs.-hair match that saw Maximo come out on top ... Along with Texano Jr. and El Sagrado, he was a holder of the Mexican National trios title until Damian 666, Halloween, and Mr. Aguila defeated them in April ... Now feuding with former partner Texano Jr., who defected to the rudo camp ... Favorite move is the flying hip attack.

189 GENKI HORIGUCHI (5'6", 164, 9, 104) Charismatic star of Japan's Dragon Gate promotion started his career as a shy tecnico that liked to surf ... Fans love to chant the Japanese word for bald (*hage*) at him, to get him riled ... Joined Naruki Doi's Muscle Outlawz group, alongside Masato Yoshino and Gamma ... Now paints his face and sports blue hair extensions ... Won the Open the Brave Gate title from Dragon Kid in April 2007 and held it for three months before losing to Yasushi Kanda ... Wrestled for ROH and PWG in the past year ... His "Crown gate" finishing move is the beach-breaker piledriver.

190 EUGENE (6', 226, 10, 164) The once-beloved mascot of the Raw brand has experienced turbulent times as of late ... Turned against frequent tag partner Jim Duggan in November of last year ... Spent months seemingly unhinged, screaming "I'm Special" at anyone within earshot ... The change in attitude didn't bring much in the way of success, as Eugene frequently lost matches on *Heat* ... Shaved bald by Mr. McMahon and Umaga leading up to WrestleMania 23 ... Recently took up wearing a superhero costume to the ring ... Was drafted to Smackdown in June.

191 SUPER DELFIN (5'9", 205, 18, 250) Founder and top star of Osaka Pro Wrestling, Delfin rose to fame in the 1990s as part of The Great Sasuke's Michinoku Pro ... His popularity allows him to alternately team up with tecnicos or rudos for multiple-man matches ... Has seen lots of action teaming with Ebessan III against Kanjiuro Matsuyama ... Held the NWA welterweight title for all of one month in 2007, trading it back and forth with Hajime Ohara ... Last held the Osaka Pro championship in August 2006, when he was dethroned by Billy Ken Kid ... His "Osaka Cutter" is a reverse suplex flipped into a stunner.

192 RICKY REYES (5'9", 192, 8, 255) A fixture across the U.S. independent scene, Reyes is best known as one-half of The Havana Pitbulls alongside Rocky Romero, and as part of the Rottweilers stable led by Homicide ... Found those established alliances tested, if not completely dissolved, in the early part of 2007 ... Romero abandoned Reyes and the rest of The Rottweilers shortly after his return to Ring of Honor ... Due to contractual disputes with TNA, Homicide was forced to leave ROH shortly thereafter, and Reyes was left on his own ... Is finding his niche as a singles talent, currently holding the IWC heavyweight title in Pittsburgh ... Has beaten many opponents in short order with his version of the dragon sleeper.

193 SHAD GASPARD (6'6", 270, 4, 293) He and his partner in Cryme Tyme, JTG, took Raw by storm in the fall of 2006 aided by a series of vignettes leading to their arrival ... They quickly became a team to watch with two non-title wins over then-Raw World tag team champs The Spirit Squad ... Unlike many teams that arrive to great fanfare and eventually fail to win the big one, Cryme Tyme simply never received a shot at the belts ... The duo has quietly become a staple of the online *Heat* show ... Still fan favorites and a winning combination, the duo uses a tandem fireman's carry neckbreaker called the "G-9" to rack up wins.

194 MIKE KRUEL (5'10", 215, 6, 456) The reigning OVW heavyweight champion is a second-generation competitor, son of journeyman grappler Bodyguard for Hire ... Krue was a mainstay in the East Coast Wrestling Association, where he held that company's heavy-

weight title ... Voluntarily vacated that title after suffering a non-title loss to Christopher Daniels in the 2004 ECWA Super 8 Tournament ... Used to be known primarily for his superior submission style rather than his promos, but he's been talking quite a bit in OVW, where he has dubbed himself the "Real American Hero" ... Part of a rulebreaking clique that also includes Vladimir Kozlov and Roucka.

195 TANK TOLAND (5'9", 225, 7, 287) Although the Chippendale-inspired tag team of the The Dicks may be more than forgettable, the former James Dick made enough of an impression on WWE officials for them to recently re-sign him to a developmental contract ... Joined ROH in the fall of 2006, and was recruited by Larry Sweeney in February to be Chris Hero's trainer ... Drove fans crazy with his arm exercises at ringside during Hero's matches ... Likes to use a swinging Polish hammer as a finisher ... The New Jersey native was trained in Larry Sharpe's famed Monster Factory.

196 BROTHER RUNT (5'8", 150, 13, 221) Once known to fans across the globe as Spike Dudley, Runt has spent most of 2007 in what appears to be a drunken stupor ... Appeared as Santa Claus on *Impact*, only to be assaulted by The Latin American Exchange ... The attack set off the feud between LAX and Runt's half-brothers, Team 3D ... Constant drinking led him to interfere in the first Team 3D vs. LAX match at Final Resolution, resulting in a DQ ... Despite repeated warnings from his half-brothers, he continued to make well-intentioned, but ultimately counterproductive attempts at helping them ... Eventually cornered and tasered by Konnan and LAX ... Hasn't been seen in TNA since, but still makes the rounds on the independent circuit.

197 MOHAMMED YONE (6', 221, 12, 245) Japanese heavyweight, known for his strange afro, can be found in the rings of Pro Wrestling NOAH ... Fans chant "Mr. Afro" at him during his ring entrances ... A two-time Global Honored Crown tag team champion with Takeshi Morishima, they last held the belts for five months before losing them to Jun Akiyama and Takeshi Rikioh in April ... Has had to fly solo a lot this year because Morishima has been in the U.S. ... The muscle buster, or *kinniku* buster, is his favorite maneuver.

198 EDDIE COLON (5'10", 220, 8, 313) Son of Puerto Rican legend Carlos Colon and brother of WWE star Carlito, Eddie is now a developing talent for WWE ... Defeated Shannon Moore at a Smackdown taping in May ... The current World Wrestling Council Universal heavyweight champion, having won the title from Apollo in May ... Also held the title earlier in 2007 after winning it from Jon Heidenreich ... This reign marks his sixth run as champion of his father's promotion ... Has also held the WWC junior and tag team titles in the past ... Nicknamed "El Joven Maravilla," which roughly translates to "The Boy Wonder" ... His "Cannonball Twister" move is a corkscrew senton.

199 JTG (6'1", 245, 3, NL) The smaller member of Cryme Tyme was once known as The Neighborhood ... He and Shad Gaspard captured the Southern tag team title in May 2006 by defeating Roadkill and K.C. James ... Were beaten two months later by C.M. Punk and Seth Skyfire ... They returned to OVW in July and regained the belts with a victory over K.C. and Cassidy James in Owensboro, Kentucky ... Though no longer seen on Raw, Cryme Time is still popular among those who watch *Heat* online.

200 OLIMPICO (5'10", 194, 15, 78) The least popular member of Los Guerreros del Atlantida in CMLL, he never sees as much action as his partners, Ultimo Guerrero, Atlantis, and Toscano ... Feuding with Los Perros del Mal, he's typically boxed out of the main-event picture as the fourth man in a trios environment ... Started teaming with El Terrible on some undercards to fill his time ... Came up through the ranks as a tecnico, but when that got him nowhere, he defected to the rudos ... A two-time former CMLL welterweight champion ... Uses the *cristo invertido* to make opponents tap out.

201 MATT CROSS (5'7", 181, 6, 304) The "Innovator Of Aerial Insanity" wrestles all over the world as both M-Dogg 20 and Matt Cross ... Competed before a crowd of 72,000 this past year in France at the Stade de France ... Captured the UWA Canadian championship by defeating Puma last July ... Wrestled as one-half of The Filth and the Fury with Teddy Hart in Wrestling Society X ... Joined Ring of Honor full-time in October 2006 ... Part of the Resilience faction with Delirious and Erick Stevens ... They definitively beat The No Remorse Corps in ROH in June ... Competed in both the Ted Petty Invitational and PWG's Battle for Los Angeles tournaments this past year ... A master of countless high-flying maneuvers.

202 GEDO (5'7", 215, 14, 121) New Japan Pro Wrestling junior heavyweight paved the way to the big leagues with years of hard work in groups such as WAR, FMW, and Michinoku Pro ... Easily in the best shape of his career ... A four-time former IWGP junior tag team champion with long-time partner Jado, their most recent reign came to an end after 10 months when they lost the belts to Dick Togo and TAKA Michinoku in May ... Took wins over El Samurai and Ryusuke Taguchi in this summer's Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... His patented barrel roll pinning combination is called the "Gedo clutch."

203 DOMINO (6'3", 245, 9, 339) Teamed with Deuce to end the one-year Smackdown World tag team title reign of Paul London and Brian Kendrick on April 20 ... Deuce and Domino may catch some flack for their old-school greasers style, but Domino's bad attitude and aggressive brawling style typically shuts up the critics in a hurry ... Domino deserves a lot of credit for managing to keep Deuce focused on their matches instead of constantly fretting about what their valet, Cherry, is up to ... Originally trained by Larry Sharpe ... Suffered a broken nose in a match against Cryme Tyme, and a break in a schnozz that size could be career-threatening ... His pet move is the cliffhanger, a spinning DDT coming off the ropes.

204 RYO SAITO (5'5", 174, 8, 198) Dragon Gate star has joined forces with CIMA, Susumu Yokosuka, and Dragon Kid as the new faction called Typhoon ... Previously the leader of the Do-Fixer group ... When Genki Horiguchi betrayed him in February, the group was effectively disbanded ... Briefly held the top Dragon Gate title, the Open the Dream Gate championship, last year ... Held the Open the Triangle Gate trios title twice in 2007, each for about a month, with CIMA and Yokosuka as his partners ... Made a few memorable appearances with ROH ... His "Fisherman Express" combo strings together fisherman busters with the fisherman suplex.

205 DANNY DORING (5'11", 212, 8, 268) One of the many ECW Originals whose career was given a second shot at life with the revival of the brand last year ... Re-formed his team with Roadkill, the last

men ever to hold the original ECW tag title ... Any hopes of rekindling past success were in vain, as Roadkill left for Ohio Valley Wrestling less than a month after the re-launch ... As a solo star, Doring was not able to keep pace with Kurt Angle, Rob Van Dam, or C.M. Punk, going winless through his entire run of sporadic appearances for the company ... Released in the autumn of 2006, he returned to the East Coast independent scene, working for companies such as Maryland Championship Wrestling and NWA Upstate.

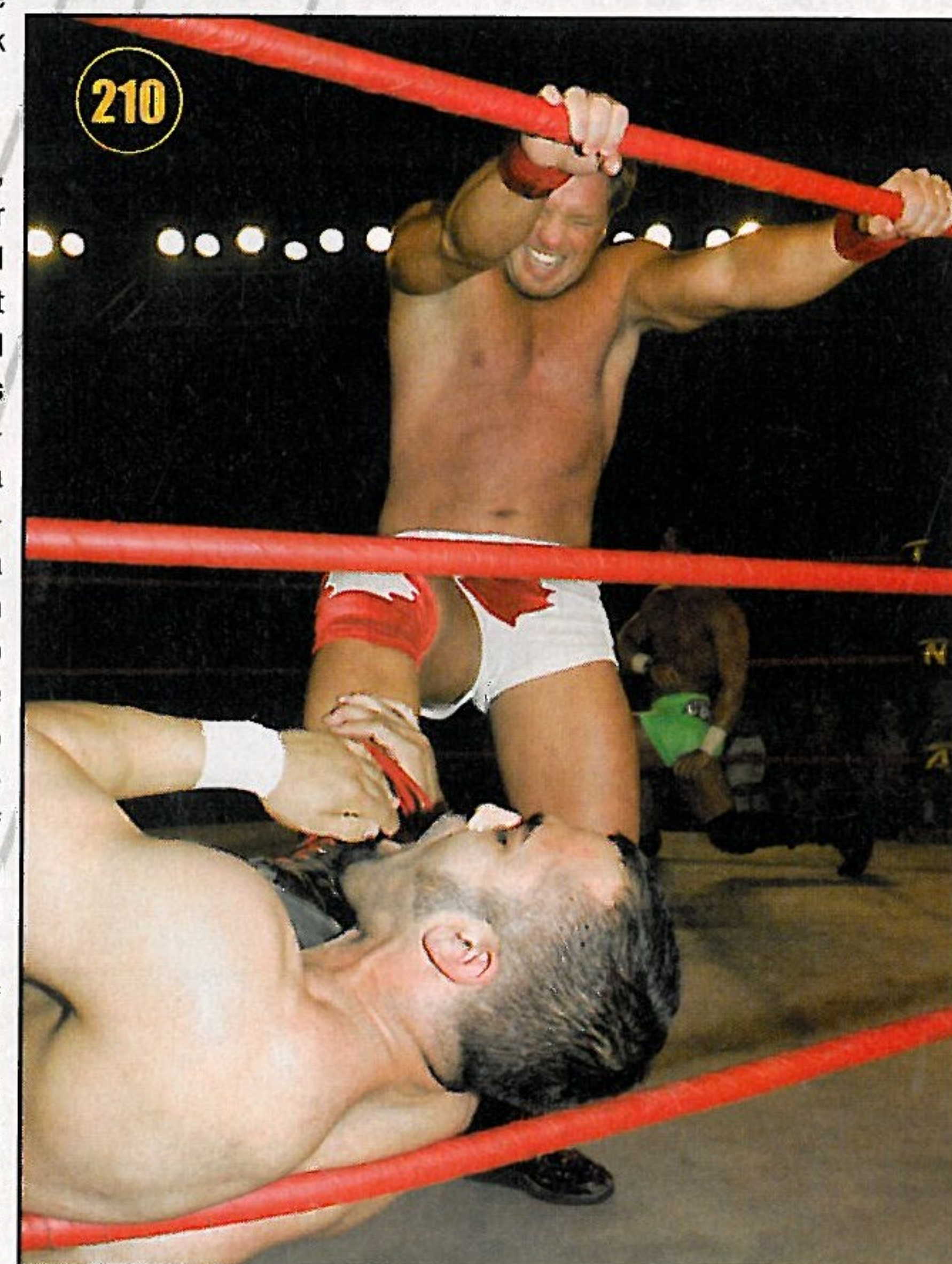
206 MUERTE CIBERNETICA (6', 245, 10, NL) Known as Ricky Banderas in Puerto Rico, he's also known as Mesias and Muerte Cibernetica in Mexico ... Took control of La Secta during Cibernetico's injury-related hiatus, and the two went to war over it upon his return ... Now feuding in the main-event mix with The Hell Brothers ... Lost his mask to the AAA version of La Parka last summer ... Won the Wrestling Society X championship from Vampiro before the folding of the promotion in 2007 ... Recently appeared in TNA ... Has a terrific frog splash.

207 DEUCE (6'2", 230, 8, 396) Along with tag partner Domino and his girlfriend, Cherry, Deuce has experienced a great amount of success in his short time on the Smackdown brand ... The adopted son of "Superfly" Jimmy Snuka has to consider his win over Hall of Famers Snuka and Sgt. Slaughter to be one of the sweetest victories of his career ... Uses a simple, but effective, kick to the face, which he calls the "Crack 'Em In The Mouth" to stun or knock out opponents.

208 APOLO (6'4", 265, 8, NL) The former World Wrestling Council Universal heavyweight champion was dethroned in May by the son of Carlos Colon, Eddie ... Hospitalized Scott Steiner with a torn trachea after delivering a vicious kick during a June tag team match in Puerto Rico ... Has also competed under the names Nuevo Gran Apolo and El Leon ... One of the most famous faces in all of Puerto Rican wrestling right now ... Had a handful of runs in TNA over the years, and was part of Konnan's original configuration of LAX, but was replaced by Machete in 2006 ... His trademark move, *el fondo del abismo*, is a simple sideslam.

209 JINSEI SHINZAKI (5'10", 207, 14, 196) Leader and top star of the ailing Michinoku Pro company based out of the Iwate prefecture in Japan ... Some fans remember his short WWE stint under the name Hakushi ... Frequently teams with his pint-sized protégé, Shinji Nohashi ... Had a hard time with New Japan heavyweights Hiroyoshi Tenzan and Manabu Nakanishi in March ... Tends to compete in multiple-man matches or battle royals these days, and rarely outside of Michinoku ... Had a rare singles bout in June, beating Ted Tanabe in mere minutes ... The praying power bomb is his calling card.

210 JOHNNY DEVINE (5'10", 222, 10, 332) A member of Raven's brooding Serotonin group in TNA, where he is now known as Havoc, along with Kaz and Martyr ... Was kicked out of the Paparazzi Productions faction by Kevin Nash, perhaps sending him into his macabre spiral ... Teamed with Kaz in a losing effort against The Voodoo Kin Mafia in a "Six Sides Of Steel" dark match at Lockdown ... Also lost in a three-on-two handicap match against Kurt Angle and Samoa Joe in March ... The Windsor, Ontario, native was trained in the Hart "Dungeon" in Calgary ... Defeated Scotty Mac in Cochrane, Alberta, on a tribute show for his late trainer, "Bad News" Allen Coage.



211 OSAMU NISHIMURA (6'1", 220, 15, 200) Classic mat technician is a former New Japan Pro Wrestling star ... Followed his mentor, Tatsumi Fujinami, to his new home, MUGA World Pro Wrestling ... Fought his mentor in Fujinami's landmark 3,500th match this past May, losing two falls to one ... Feuding with another ex-New Japan star, Yutaka Yoshie, in the rings of MUGA ... Frequently teams with powerhouse heavyweight Katsushi Takemura, and the duo has traveled the world ... Known for his array of submission holds, such as the abdominal stretch and figure-four leglock.

212 JAMIE NOBLE (5'8", 190, 13, 231) One of the most underrated in-ring technicians in the sport today ... Smackdown fans have seen little of him in the past six months ... Once a part of The Pit Bulls alongside Kid Kash; Kash's release ended the partnership ... Struggling to find his niche in singles action ... Recently reappeared as part of two wild multi-man cruiserweight matches on Smackdown, where he will hopefully be seeing more TV time ... Can finish opponents off in any number of ways, including a tiger driver and an Indian deathlock variation he calls the "Trailer Hitch."

213 ULTIMO DRAGON (5'8", 186, 20, 95) Junior heavyweight sensation of the 1990s is still active today, mostly in the rings of CMLL and with his own promotion, the Toryumon ... Operates his own training facility for Japanese wrestlers, based in Mexico City ... Appeared in Canada several times this year with UWA Hardcore, wrestling stars such as Black Tiger and Jushin Liger ... Celebrated his 20th anniversary in wrestling this past summer by promoting a big show in Japan featuring many of his protégés and peers ... Barely appears in the U.S. since his forgettable WWE stint a few years back ... His shiranui variation is otherwise known as the "Asai DDT."

214 DAVE TAYLOR (6'3", 256, 29, NL) A legend in his home country of England, and a cult favorite from his work in WCW during the '90s, Taylor found himself in the unexpected position of pairing up with old partner William Regal in the fall of 2006 ... The team had a running feud with then-Smackdown World tag team champions Paul London and Brian Kendrick that culminated in the pair's first-ever ladder match at Armageddon ... Next engaged in a feud with Kane and The Boogeyman ... With Regal being drafted to Raw, Taylor is now on his own ... Uses his "Britain-plex" variation of the double-underhook suplex to finish foes.

215 FUERZA GUERRERA (5'7", 182, 29, 337) Aging veteran luchador is wrapped up in what many expect to be his final feud—with longtime rival

Octagon in AAA ... Father of cruiserweight sensation Juventud Guerrera, the two teamed up for the first time in years this past April ... Fuerza is now feuding with his son, choosing to team with fellow veteran Sangre Chicana instead ... Defeated his brash son in a streetfight at this year's TripleMania event ... Also beat Juvi in a "Bull Terrier" match in July ... Best known for his covert "foul" shot to the groin, or pretending to be the victim of one.

216 MATT BENTLEY (6', 221, 7, 296) Fans have known Bentley by many names over the years, first as Michael Shane, then as Maverick Matt, now as Martyr in Raven's Serotonin faction ... It is believed that Raven recruited Bentley (along with Frankie Kazarian and Johnny Devine) with the promise of getting their struggling TNA careers back on track ... The group has found little success thus far, only serving as fodder for Raven's policy of "tough love" canings after their matches ... Kazarian split from Serotonin in June, forcing Bentley to go against his former partner in a sign of loyalty to Raven ... As does his cousin, Shawn Michaels, Bentley employs the superkick.

217 NUNZIO (5'9", 209, 16, 155) As a mainstay in the original ECW, Nunzio was thrilled to have the brand back full-time in June of last year ... Reunited with longtime tag partner Tony Mamaluke to bring the

Full-Blooded Italians team that was a big part of the original ECW to the new ECW ... Mamaluke was quietly released in January 2007, and fans have seen very little of Nunzio since then, only appearing sporadically to take on monster opponents such as Snitsky and Kevin Thorn, and getting destroyed in the process ... Still one of the best technical wrestlers in the world today, Nunzio's background in mixed martial arts has tuned his Fujiwara armbar to perfection.

218 TAKASHI SUGIURA (5'10", 198, 10, 97) Struggling junior heavyweight of Pro Wrestling NOAH has worked hard not to get lost in the talent-rich mix of players in his home promotion ... Beat KENTA for the GHC junior heavyweight title last June ... Held on to the belt until December when he was beaten by Tatsuhiro Takaiwa ... Also held the GHC junior tag title twice last year, both times with partner Yoshinobu Kanemaru ... Toured Europe in the past year, wrestling in both England and Germany ... Alternates between his anklelock submission and the Olympic slam made popular by Kurt Angle.

219 HUMAN TORNADO (6'3", 171, 4, 344) Hailing from Hollywood, Alabama, this slim high-flyer caught some national spotlight as a featured player in the short-lived Wrestling Society X ... Typically plies his trade on the California independents, he held the PWG heavyweight championship for five weeks in early-2007 before being unseated by El Generico in February ... Featured in the 2006 Jack Black comedy *Nacho Libre* as "El Snowflake" ... Aside from PWG, Tornado has wrestled for CZW, IWA Mid-South, and MCW ... Signature moves include the *shoryuken* (a leaping uppercut,) *tope con hilo* (often landing in the fourth row), and tornado DDT.

220 MIKE KNOX (6'6", 260, 9, 140) Once part of the initial rebirth of ECW, Knox has spent the better part of 2007 refining his game in Deep South Wrestling ... Made one appearance for ECW in 2007, losing a singles match to C.M. Punk that effectively ended their feud ... Alongside Derrick Neikirk, Knox has reformed their Team Elite tag duo to much success, capturing the DSW tag title for the first time with a win over The Major Brothers ... After the closing of Deep South Wrestling, Knox has made a handful of appearances for Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Puts opponents away with his reverse fisherman buster.

221 TATSUMI FUJINAMI (6'1", 234, 36, NL) Founder of MUGA World Pro Wrestling in Japan, his small independent group celebrates the classic European mat style of decades gone by ... Departed New Japan Pro Wrestling over a year ago to strike out on his own ... Defeated Hiro Saito in March ... Teamed with and then fought Chavo Guerrero Sr. during his retirement tour in April ... Fujinami was the last man to wrestle Guerrero before the veteran luchador hung up the tights ... Nicknamed "The Dragon" ... The dragon sleeper, dragon screw, and dragon suplex are all his inventions.

222 JAKE GYMINI (6'3", 276, 10, 301) Formerly known as Mike Shane, he teamed with his twin brother, Jesse (Todd Shane), as The Gymini on Smackdown ... First broke out on the Florida independent scene before getting their "big break" in TNA as The Johnsons ... The brothers can boast about having beaten The Road Warriors for their fifth IPW tag team title in 2001 ... Jake's pet finisher is a head-and-arm overhead suplex he has dubbed the "Skull-Plex" ... The brothers won the Deep South tag title following their WWE release in January ... The Gymini favor a well-executed double-team slam they call the "Crash Diet" to flatten other teams.

223 NICK SINN (6'2", 234, 7, 458) OWW's resident carnival freak is an experienced journeyman competitor, having wrestled in TNA, WWE, and all over the independent scene throughout his seven-year career ... Is something of a bizarre Renaissance Man, having experience in acting (*Enter The Zombie King*), cartoon publishing, wiring, and promoting ... Also worked as a true carnival freak show attraction as the strongman for Canada's Carnival Diablo ... Has recently begun blinding opponents with multi-colored mist he sprays from his mouth ... Trained by Ron Hutchison alongside Edge and Christian ... Has teamed with The Belgium Brawler under the name Sinn-amon Waffle.

224 JOEY RYAN (5'10", 210, 6, 288) One of the founders and top stars of Pro Wrestling Guerrilla, Ryan holds the record as the longest-reigning PWG heavyweight champion ... Now known for his thick mustache and massive sideburns inspired by 1980s TV icon Magnum P.I., including floral pattern trunks ... Has cheated, used foreign objects, or utilized outside interference in every one of his PWG title defenses ... None of those tactics helped him against Human Tornado, who ended his 13-month title reign in January ... Wrestled for Wrestling Society X ... With Karl Anderson, he won the NWA tag team title in July ... Finishing move is the "Mustache Ride" (a second-rope swinging neck-breaker).

225 SHUJI KONDO (5'10", 211, 7, 352) Muscular junior heavyweight of All Japan Pro Wrestling got his start in Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon

program ... Now teams with YASSHI and Suwama as part of TARU's Voodoo Murderers stable ... He and YASSHI are former All-Asia tag team champions ... Held the All Japan junior heavyweight title for over a year before being defeated by Katsuhiko Nakajima in February ... Lost to Chris Sabin in the final of All Japan's Junior League tournament in June ... His "Kondo Gorilla Clutch" is similar to a Texas cloverleaf.

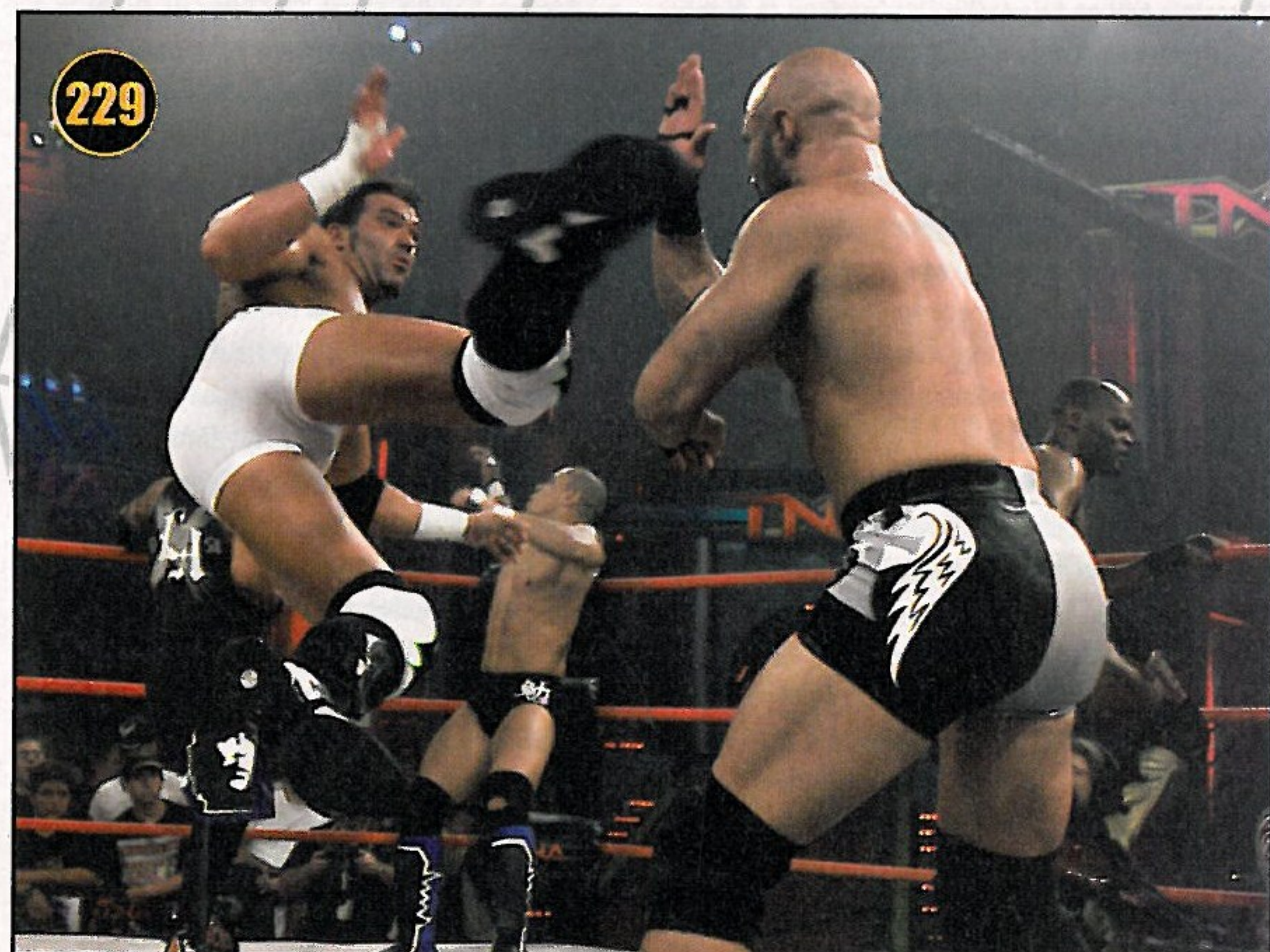
226 JESSE GYMINI (6'3", 278, 10, 308) Alongside his brother, Jake, Jesse was one-half of Simon Dean's tag team The Gymini on Smackdown during most of 2006 ... The duo failed to catch on during their WWE tenure, sticking mainly to lopsided matches against much smaller opponents ... The Gymini vanished from Smackdown for good after Jesse was injured ... Was briefly managed by Angel Williams, which is a big step up from Simon Dean in the looks department ... The brothers were released by WWE in December ... Previously wrestled under his given name of Todd Shane ... Looked good in a singles run as NWA Florida heavyweight champion.

227 DAIVARI (5'10", 203, 7, NL) Former mouthpiece for The Great Khali has had little direction since splitting from his gigantic charge in January ... A contender for the cruiserweight title on the Smackdown brand until he was drafted to Raw in June ... Participated in a gauntlet match for the cruiserweight title at No Way Out in February ... Briefly feuded with Tommy Dreamer in ECW, climaxing in a victory at December to Dismember ... Defeated then-cruiserweight champion Gregory Helms in a non-title match on Smackdown in February ... Although valued more in WWE for his speaking ability, he is a gifted athlete in his own right.

228 BRAZO DE PLATA (5'7", 241, 30, 229) Longtime CMLL star is now a tecnico in AAA ... Part of the legendary Brazo family, his name means "Arm Of Silver," but fans prefer calling him "Super Porky" ... Began feuding with Sean Waltman and his valet Alicia Webb, this past summer ... Had a strange role in the short-lived WWE juniors division on Smackdown ... His vertical splash has tremendous impact on opponents' chests.

229 FRANKIE KAZARIAN (6'1", 215, 9, 412) Dubbed "Kaz" after joining Raven's latest flock, Serotonin, but seems headed back out on his own in TNA ... The faction was largely relegated to pay-per-view dark matches in 2006 and 2007 ... Attacked Raven during a match against Chris Harris on a June edition of *Impact* ... Defeated his partners in the group, Martyr and Havok, in a three-way match for a spot in an "Ultimate X" gauntlet match, but Raven and Serotonin beat him down post-match ... Occasionally competes in PWG ... Briefly wrestled for WWE in 2005, most often on *Velocity* ... Trained by Killer Kowalski.

230 TAKUMA SANO (5'9", 220, 23, 257) Also known as Naoki Sano, this mid-card heavyweight in Pro Wrestling NOAH had a few brushes with greatness this past year ... Challenged Mitsuharu Misawa for the GHC heavyweight title in mid-2007, but came up short ... Last autumn, he and Yoshihiro Takayama came close to capturing the vacant GHC tag team title, but they lost the final match to Takeshi Morishima and Mohammed Yone ... Also teams with Jun Izumida ... Sometimes executes the Northern Lights bomb from the top turnbuckle.



231 ERICK STEVENS (5'11", 231, 4, NL)

A standout on the Florida independent scene, Stevens is now poised for the national spotlight with Ring of Honor ... Turned heads in ROH's sister promotion, Full Impact Pro, winning a tournament to crown the first Florida Heritage champion ... Has since defended the title against Claudio Castagnoli, Nigel McGuinness, and Jigsaw ... Found almost immediate success in Ring of Honor by joining Austin Aries' Resilience faction ... When Aries departed ROH, Stevens and fellow Resilience member Matt Cross carried on, doing battle with Aries' former partner Roderick Strong and his No Remorse Corps ... Employs a devastating gut-wrench power bomb.

232 SHINJIRO OTANI (5'8", 224, 16, 108)

Top dog in Japan's Zero-One Max ... Started his career as a junior heavyweight in New Japan Pro Wrestling ... Took over the reigns of Zero-One after the passing of Shinya Hashimoto ... This year, under his direction, Zero-One has become more involved with children's charity work and makes visits to Japanese schools ... Embroiled in a rough feud with Kazunari Murakami that overshadowed this year's annual Fire Festival tournament ... Missed a little time this year in the wake of a concussion ... The dragon suplex is his calling card.

233 EL SAGRADO (5'10", 190, 15, 256)

Masked CMLL tecnico is a popular luchador in the crowded mid-card mix ... Ended his long, bitter rivalry with Mascara Magica in February, winning Mascara's hair and protecting his mask ... A former Mexican National trios champion with Maximo and Texano Jr. ... They lost their title in April, and the trio had an ugly breakup thereafter ... Now teams up with Volador Jr. for multiple-man matches ... Wrestled as Genetico until receiving the religious blessing of Fray Tormenta, which caused his name change ... Soars onto opponents with his double-jump plancha out of the ring.

234 ROBBIE McALLISTER (6', 240, 7, 168)

One-half of The Highlanders tag team with cousin Rory ... Made their Raw debuts last July and quickly went on a winning streak ... A Raw World tag title win seemed likely until The Spirit Squad surprisingly turned back the Scots in multiple title matches ... The duo began appearing less on Raw and more on *wwe.com's Heat* ... Both McAllisters are Ontario natives trained by Waldo Von Erich ... The Highlanders use a double-team flapjack to pick up most of their victories, but Robbie's personal favorites are the reverse mat slam and double-underhook power bomb.

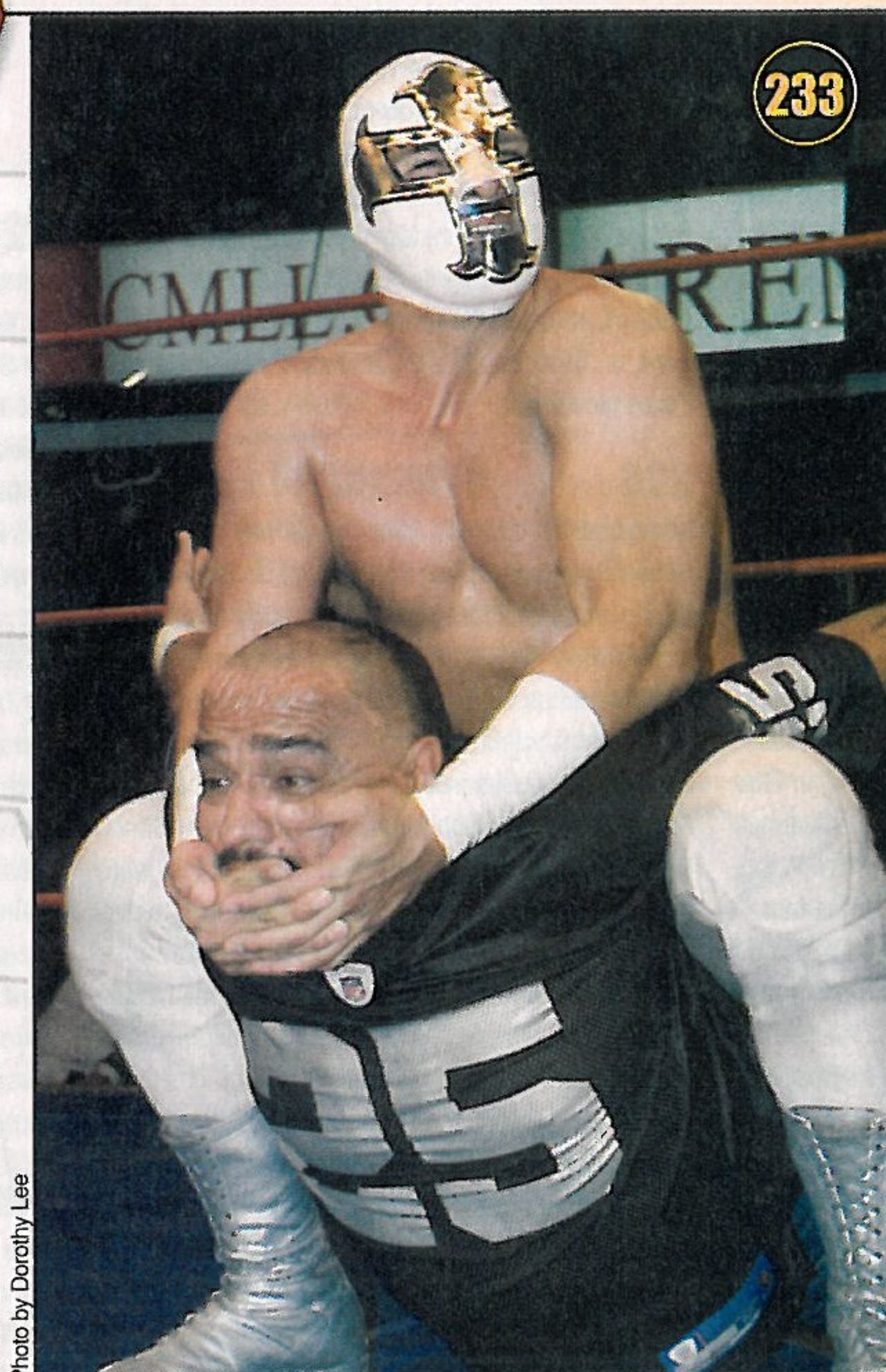


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235 LATIN LOVER (6'1", 216, 15, NL)

Chiseled exotic dancer returned from a brief retirement to action in AAA this year ... His time on national TV, particularly on the Mexican version of *Dancing With The Stars* made him into a mainstream sensation ... Competed in the March 2007 Rey de Reyes tournament, but didn't make it very far ... Teamed with La Parka, Zorro, and El Animal in a losing effort at this year's TripleMania ... The trio had been at war with Konnan's Legion Extranjera all year ... Best known for his precision superkick (and his tango).

236 MIKE MONDO (5'7", 229, 5, 141)

After a very high-profile stay on the Raw brand as part of The Spirit Squad, Mikey was eventually shipped back to Ohio Valley Wrestling in November 2006 ... Formed a team with ex-Spirit Squader Nick Nemeth that became known as The Frat Pack ... The duo took great joy in playing pranks on the OVW roster, particularly Southern tag champs Shawn Spears and Cody Runnels ... Their feud culminated in a match that saw The Frat Pack capture the Southern titles for a brief moment, before OVW troubleshooter Al Snow restarted the match due to use of a foreign object ... Spears and Rhodes eventually won out; The Frat Pack disbanded shortly afterward ... Uses an impressive running splash mountain power bomb to finish opponents.

237 SANGRE AZTECA (5'7", 178, 11, 149)

Wild luchador is a loose affiliate of Ultimo Guerrero's Los Guerreros del Atlantida in CMLL ... Longtime rudo isn't afraid to fly; he can keep up with any daredevil tecnico in Mexico ... The current Mexican National welterweight champion captured the title from La Mascara in December 2006 ... Made a series of defenses in 2007, including impressive victories over Maximo and Alex Koslov ... Toured with New Japan Pro Wrestling last year, and participated in their Best of the Super Juniors tournament ... His finishing move, *la valaguesa*, is commonly known as the muscle buster.

238 ANDY DOUGLAS (6'1", 220, 5, 143)

Most recently made up half of three-time NWA tag team champs The Naturals ... Parted ways with manager Shane Douglas in December ... Andy injured his neck during a house show tag team match against LAX on January 20 ... Reappeared on *Impact* on February 8 to assist Chase Stevens, but was attacked by Abyss ... Released by TNA in May, along with Stevens ... Team was rumored to have been in talks with WWE following their TNA release ... The pair has no current plans to part ways ... The Naturals utilize a double-underhook DDT as their finisher.

239 SHIRO KOSHINAKA (6'1", 217, 28, NL)

Veteran of New Japan Pro Wrestling saw his stock rise in the wake of a few national television appearances, and he returned to the spotlight this past year ... Joined Hiroyoshi Tenzan's Great Bash Heel stable along with regular partner Togi Makabe ... The duo was briefly crowned provisional IWGP tag champs ... They teamed up again for the G-1 Tag League tournament, but managed to win only one of their round-robin matches ... Returned to Mexico for the first time in decades this year, using his old luchador alias of Samurai Shiro ... Famed for his flying hip attack.

240 RORY McALLISTER (6'2", 230, 7, 176)

The bald half of The Highlanders teams with his cousin, Robbie ... The Scottish tandem made their way to WWE's Raw brand in a promising debut last July, only to have their fire smothered by The Spirit Squad ... Rory was one of the last eight competitors on the August 6 battle royal to appoint the new Raw general manager ... Seemingly out of title contention, The Highlanders began appearing more and more frequently on *Heat* ... Rory finishes his opponents with his "Hotscot Slingshot" and sideslam backbreaker.

241 CHASE STEVENS (6', 220, 5, 136)

As part of The Naturals tag team with Andy Douglas, Stevens has struggled to find his footing in 2007 ... Competed on a handful of TNA cards and for several independent promotions in the South in late-2006 ... Dropped several singles matches to stars such as Lance Hoyt, Scott Steiner, and Abyss in early-2007 ... In May, TNA released Stevens and Douglas after nearly four years on the full-time roster ... Plans on continuing as a team with Douglas for the foreseeable future, as they still team up for the CWA and USWO ... One of the underrated daredevils of wrestling ... Routinely uses the shooting star press to finish off opponents.

242 TEXANO JR. (6', 209, 8, 103)

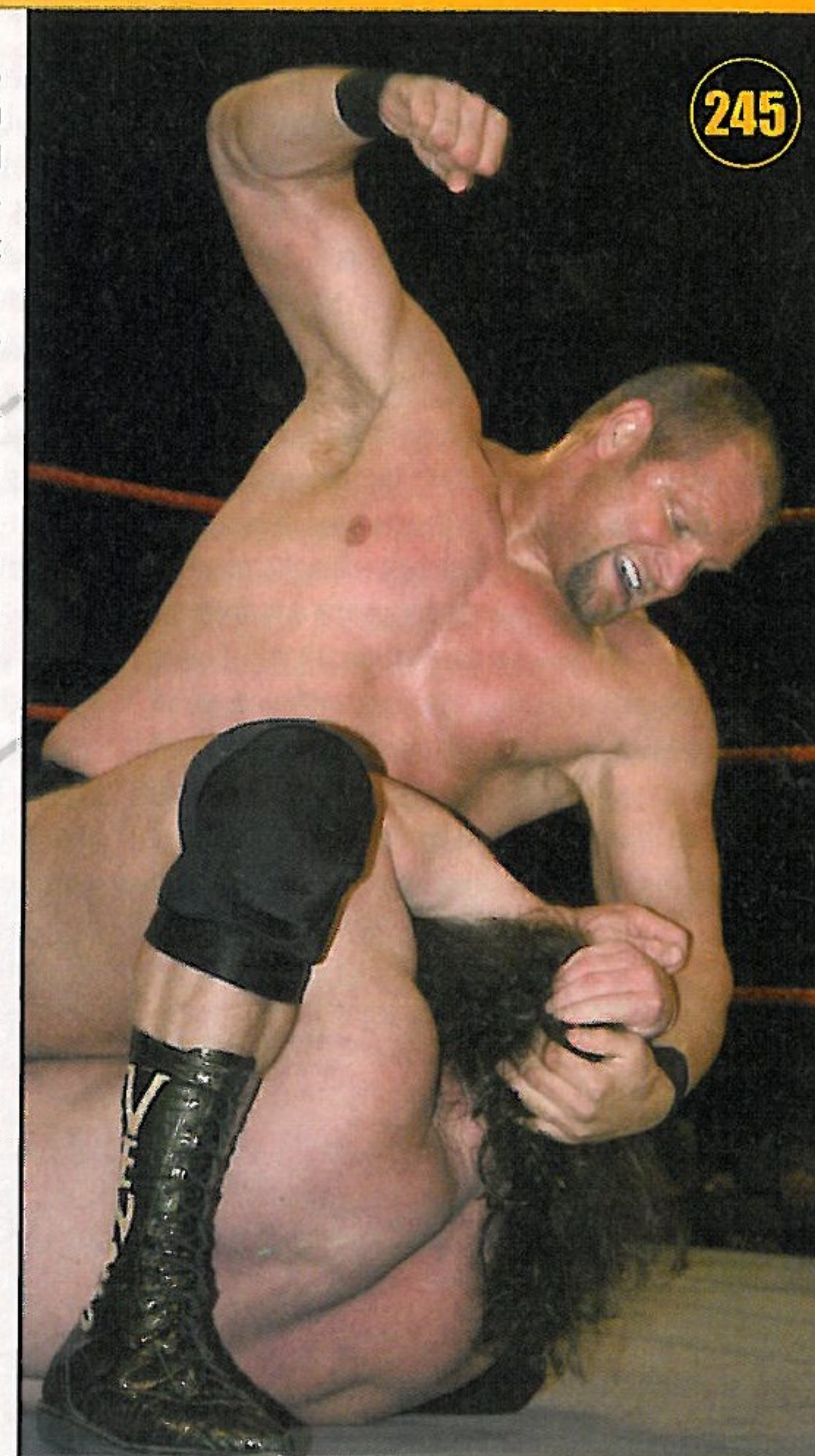
Son of legendary luchador Texano has experience wrestling in both the U.S. and Japan ... Former Mexican National trios champion with El Sagrado and Maximo ... They lost the belts to Halloween, Damian 666, and Mr. Aguila in April ... Shortly after the loss, Texano went rudo and started feuding with former partner Maximo ... The heated rivalry hasn't seen either man move out of the mid-card mix yet ... Scoops opponents up onto his shoulders, then flips them into a backbreaker to put them away.

243 JOHNNY JETER (6', 218, 5, 147)

The two-time former OVW heavyweight champion is back in Louisville after The Spirit Squad disbanded ... Instigated one of the most memorable feuds in OVW history when he viciously turned against then-partner Matt Cappotelli, leaving him a bloody mess ... Trained by Nick Dinsmore and former Spirit Squad partner Mike Mondo ... Recently returned to OVW television, accepting an open challenge from The James Boys for a tag match alongside OVW mainstay Seth Skyfire ... Has an accurate array of spin kicks, including his "Johnny Go Round" jumping roundhouse kick ... Known for being a fearless high-flyer with a great springboard moonsault ... Frequently wrestles in WWE dark matches.

244 EL GENERICO (5'11", 185, 5, 294)

The reigning Pro Wrestling Guerrilla champion is no longer just a star in his native Canada, but all over the North American and European independent circuits ... Won the PWG title from Human Tornado in February ... Was also PWG tag team champion (with Quicksilver) at the time ... Made the rounds in the annual tournaments: the Battle of Los Angeles, Ted Petty Invitational, King of Europe, and plenty more ... Broke out as a star in Ring of Honor while teaming with frequent rival Kevin Steen ... The two are almost always at odds ... The pair failed to capture the ROH tag title from The Briscoes in their June title match ... His top-turnbuckle brain-buster is as dangerous a finisher as you'll find.



245 VAL VENIS (6'2", 250, 12, 183)

One of the longest-tenured wrestlers on WWE's active roster, Venis has been a fixture for nine years ... One of the company's most underrated wrestlers ... Serves as a trial horse for up-and-coming WWE talent, most often on *Heat* ... Teamed with the "World's Largest Love Machine" Viscera in a duo that was together more for entertainment value than to contend for tag titles ... Once known as the masked man Steele in Mexico ... Still lays out opponents with his "Money Shot" top rope splash.

246 SUSUMU YOKOSUKA (5'11", 194, 9, NL)

Rising star of Japan's Dragon Gate teams with CIMA, Ryo Saito, and Dragon Kid as the Typhoon faction that wars with Naruki Doi's Muscle Outlawz group ... Held the Open the Dream Gate title for six months last year, before being defeated by Don Fuji in November ... Teamed with Ryo Saito and CIMA to capture the Open the Triangle Gate title in April, then they lost the championship in their very first title defense to Shingo Takagi, BxB Hulk, and Cyber Kong just a month later ... His "Aikata" is a Canadian backbreaker lift dropped into a DDT.

247 DEREK WYLDE (5'10", 202, 10, NL)

"The Dangerboy" is the self-professed king of the Ontario independent scene ... Has competed—and

won championships—in just about every promotion in the province over the past decade ... Also has made appearances in TNA and 3PW ... Had heated rivalries with Eric Young, Nick Sinn, and most of the members of Team Canada ... His thrilling "Sky-Drill Press" never fails to bring the fans to their feet ... Often uses a version of the burning hammer as his main finishing move ... Usually accompanied to the ring by the stunning Jennifer Blake, but actually faced Blake in a bloody and intense singles bout for UWA Hardcore Wrestling in June.

248 RAVEN (6'1", 243, 20, 233)

Continuing in his long history of bizarre behavior and leading even stranger collectives, Raven returned to TNA in November 2006 with a new group of minions called Serotonin ... The group—consisting of Matt Bentley (Martyr), Frankie Kazarian (Kaz), and Johnny Devine (Havok)—found little success in their initial outings ... Frustrated by this, Raven began to deliver "tough love" in the form of vicious post-match canings that the group accepted willingly ... The beatings have only served to drive a rift between the most talented member, Kaz, and the rest of Serotonin ... Always picks the perfect moment to unleash his DDT, which he calls the "Raven Effect."

249 TAIYO KEA (6'1", 235, 13, 11)

Hard-working All Japan Pro Wrestling heavyweight has struggled to get his career back on track since his short reign as Triple Crown champion last year ... Won the titles last July and defended them against Toshiaki Kawada before losing them to Minoru Suzuki in September 2006 ... He and Kawada won the All Japan tag title in February ... Wrestled both Kensuke Sasaki and Suwama to 30-minute draws in March's Champions Carnival, but his the lack of wins kept him out of the finals ... Uses an Ace crusher variation referred to as the "Hawaiian Masher."

250 NICK NEMETH (6', 210, 3, 134)

As one of the less fortunate members of The Spirit Squad, Nicky was shipped back to Ohio Valley Wrestling by DX in November 2006 ... Abandoned the Spirit Squad garb upon returning to OVW in January of this year, and aligned himself with fellow ex-Spirit Squad member Mike Mondo as The Frat Pack in OVW ... The pair began playing a series of pranks on Southern tag champs Shawn Spears and Cody Runnels, which led to a feud between the teams in the early months of 2007 ... Feud climaxed with The Frat Pack coming up short in their attempt to capture the title, and the duo split up shortly thereafter ... Regularly uses his standing moonsault press to win matches.

251 AKIRA TAUE (6'5", 272, 19, 91) Lumbering heavyweight of Pro Wrestling NOAH is years past his prime, but Japanese fans respect his years of dedication to the sport ... Failed in his July title bid against reigning GHC heavyweight champion Mitsuharu Misawa in a bout that was promoted as their final meeting ... Had a brief run with the belt in late-2005 and early-2006 ... Mostly confined to tag matches these days; the big man rarely loses ... Fared well in the Tag League with partner SUWA last autumn, making it to the semifinals before facing elimination ... Puts opponents down for the count with his low-elevation chokeslam variation known as *nodowa otoshi*.

252 JIMMY JACOBS (5'7", 171, 8, 261) As Ring of Honor's resident "hopeless romantic," Jacobs has spent the better part of the past two years on a strange odyssey to capture the heart of his manager, Lacey ... By the spring of this year, the affair sparked a violent soap opera involving Colt Cabana, Brent Albright, B.J. Whitmer, and Daizee Haze ... Brought closure to a year-long blood feud with Whitmer by defeating him inside a steel cage ... The match was a brutal affair, costing Jacobs not only some of his teeth, but his right knee's ACL as well ... Currently managing Lacey while he rehabilitates his own injuries ... Employs a variation of sliced bread #2 he calls the "Contra Code" to finish off his opponents.

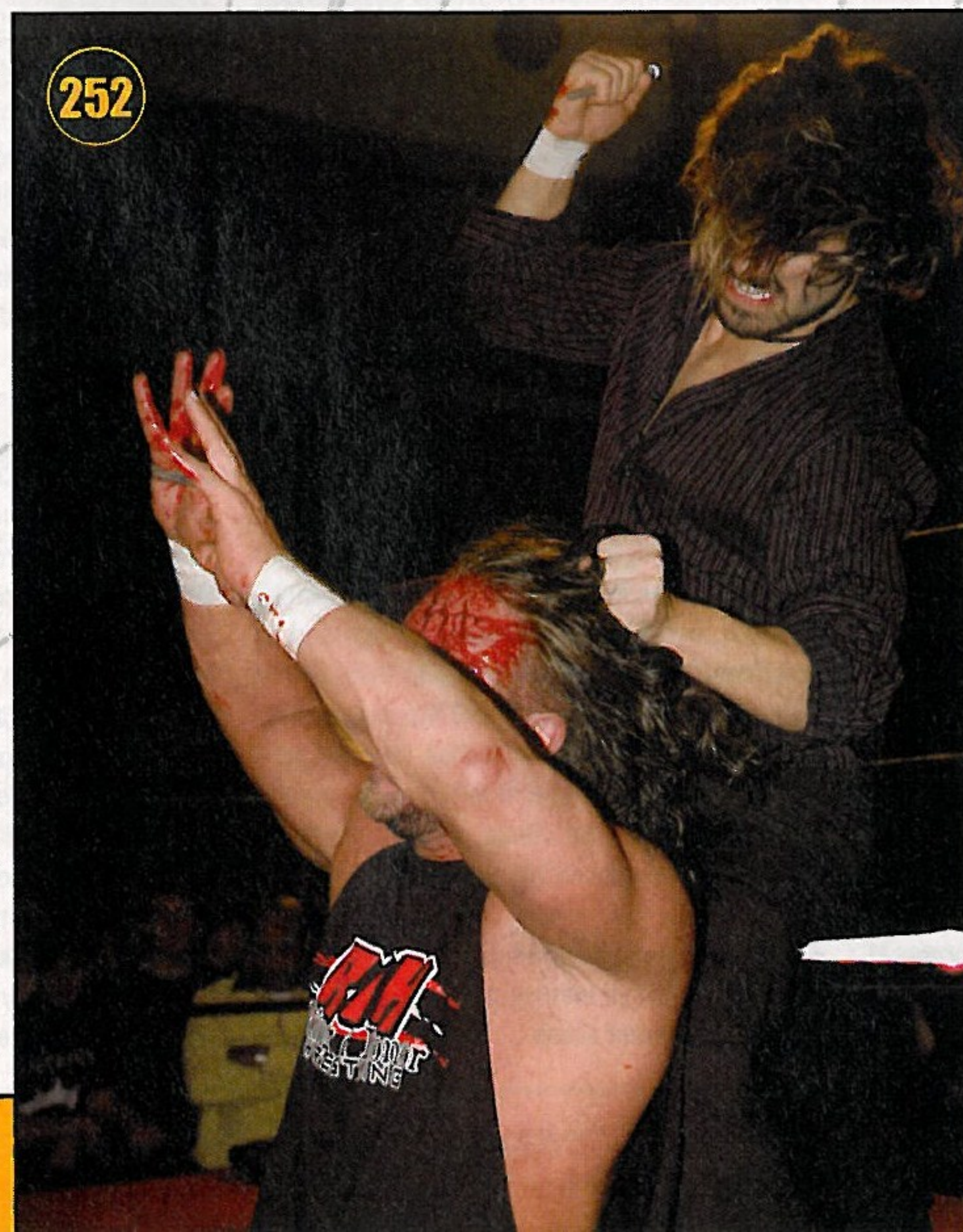
253 A-1 (6', 245, 5, 278) Unlike other former members of Team Canada, A-1 has struggled to find his place in TNA without the guidance of Coach Scott D'Amore ... Competed in a handful of matches after the breakup and lost the majority of them ... Stayed active on the Canadian independents between his sporadic appearances for TNA ... Eventually received his release from TNA in February of this year ... Now competing for Pro Wrestling Xtreme in the Toronto area ... Employs a sit-out pump-handle slam on the way to victory.

254 OZZ (6', 187, 10, NL) Currently one-fourth of the reigning Mexican National Atomikos champions with the other members of The Dark Family ... Ozz' reckless, high-flying style has made him a star of AAA ... They won the championship by defeating Juventud Guerrera's Mexican

Powers stable in May ... Teamed with Cuervo to win AAA's 16-team round-robin tag tournament and become the first AAA tag team champions in March ... Lost the belts to Crazy Boy and Joe Lider in July ... Known for his wild, spinning tope through the ropes to the floor.

255 BIG DADDY V (6'10", 496, 16, 158) Formerly known as Viscera, this veteran is still running hard and is now dominating the competition ... Formed an odd pairing with Charlie Haas in late-2006 that was born from their mutual romantic quarrels with ring announcer Lilian Garcia ... The duo found little success against teams such as DX and Cryme Tyme and disbanded ... Viscera continued as an unstoppable force in singles matches, making short work of his competition on *Heat* ... Drafted to ECW, where he was repackaged as Big Daddy V ... Very few people can kick out of a 500-pound splash, which is why he continues to rack up victories.

256 JIM DUGGAN (6'3", 240, 29, NL) Twenty years after debuting in WWE, "Hacksaw" has made an inspired comeback over the past year ... Cancer survivor is in very respectable condition for a man his age ... Befriended Eugene in 2006 and teamed with him in several matches ... A regular competitor on *Heat* ... Received one of the largest ovations of any superstar at the Detroit premiere of Steve's Austin's film *The Condemned* ... Once pinned Steve Austin in 30 seconds to win the WCW U.S. title ... Won the WWF's inaugural Royal Rumble in 1988 ... Two-by-four totting patriot recently hosted "Superstars And Stripes" month on WWE 24/7.



257 SYLVESTER TERKAY (6'6", 310, 8, NL) Viewed by many as one of the potential breakout stars of the new ECW ... With his history as an NCAA Division I heavyweight champion and background in the mixed martial arts group K-1 (as "Predator"), he dominated every singles encounter he had ... Over time, his corner man, Elijah Burke, slowly stepped out of Terkay's shadow, almost to the point where the roles were reversed ... Unceremoniously released from his WWE contract in January, but has stated he plans to return at some point in the future ... Employs his "Big Bear Lock" armbar to win matches.

258 SHARK BOY (5'10", 180, 10, 225) One of the most beloved members of the TNA roster ... While he may not have racked up many wins in the past year of TNA action, consistently puts on good showings in multi-man X division matches ... Garnered some additional recognition outside the wrestling world as a featured part of the Camden Aquarium's "Shark Alley" exhibit ... Gained even more attention in a lawsuit filed against Miramax films over their film *The Adventures Of Shark Boy And Lava Girl* ... Continues to run his "Shark Tank" training seminars for aspiring wrestlers ... His victories are usually scored with the deep sea drop, a front-flip Ace crusher from the corner.

259 STEVE LEWINGTON (6'2", 220, 3, NL) The "British Babe" is a big favorite in Ohio Valley, especially among the ladies ... Earned a diploma in aeronautical engineering at Farborough College of Technology in England ... Followed his pro wrestling dream to America and trained at OVW in 2003 ... Returned to England and competed for All-Star Wrestling in 2004, becoming one of the United Kingdom's top young stars ... Beat Drew McDonald to win the ASW British heavyweight championship in a ladder match ... Destroyed by Umaga in a televised Raw match in England in April ... That performance, however, impressed the WWE front office enough to sign him to a developmental contract.

260 NICK MITCHELL (6'2", 250, 3, 201) Perhaps even less fortunate than the rest of his fellow Spirit Squad teammates, Nick Mitchell, better known as Mitch, spent most of 2006 in a high-profile, if not lopsided, feud with DX before being shipped back to Ohio Valley Wrestling in November 2006 ... While Kenny made his return to Raw shortly thereafter, and Johnny, Nicky, and Mikey found success in returning to Ohio Valley Wrestling, Mitch didn't find immediate opportunities ... Released from WWE in May ... Finishes off most opponents with a swinging Ace crusher variation.

261 EL ANGEL (5'8", 180, 10, 300) Masked tecnico of AAA spent much of the summer in the U.S. as an attraction on the Vans Warped music tour alongside some of his AAA compatriots ... His U.S. appearances have seen him teaming up with fellow tecnicos Mini Charly Manson and Super AAA ... Has teamed with Billy Boy against former Atomikos partners Dennis and Alan in Monterrey ... Saw some mixed tag action in the spring, teaming with Martha Villalobos ... Arsenal includes a picture-perfect Asai moonsault.

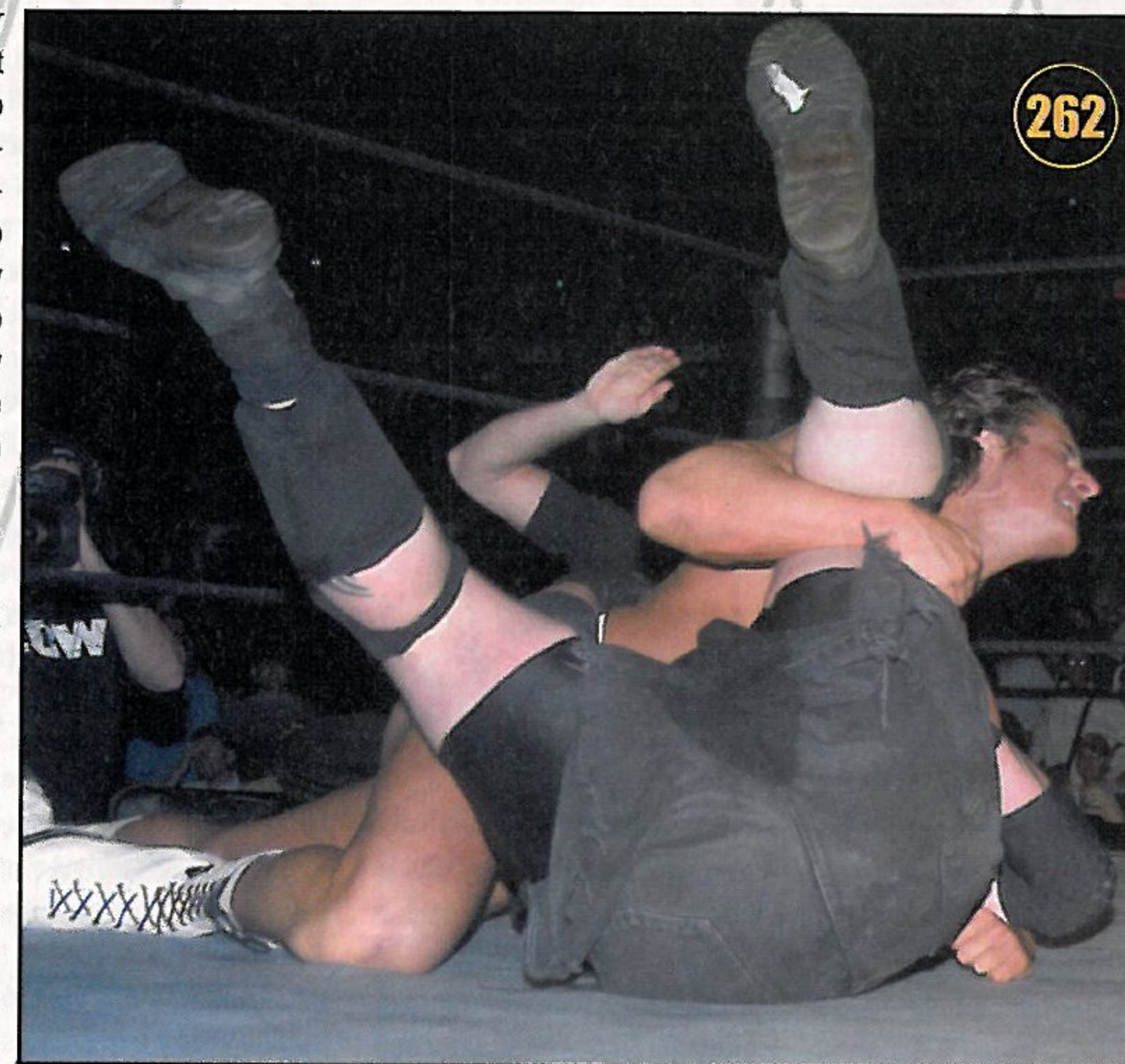
262 RENE DUPREE (6'3", 250, 9, 381) The former member of La Resistance made an unexpected appearance in the revived ECW during August of last year ... Appeared in several vignettes, claiming to be "the most extreme athlete in ECW" ... Beat Mahoney in his ECW debut ... Despite the initial success, Dupree soon disappeared, re-emerging a month later only to suffer two straight submission losses to C.M. Punk ... Disappeared again until December, when he lost to ECW champion Bobby Lashley ... Banished to OVW until the February reunion of La Resistance ... Suspended in March and returned to action in the new Florida developmental camp in June ... Released from WWE a month later.

263 JADO (5'6", 198, 17, 160) New Japan Pro Wrestling junior heavyweight missed some action this summer because of injuries ... A four-time former IWGP junior tag team champion with longtime partner Gedo ... Their recent 10-month reign came to an end when they lost to Dick Togo and TAKA Michinoku ... Part of Jushin Liger's CTU stable with MINORU until July 2007, Jado and Gedo defected to Hiroyoshi Tenzan's Great Bash Heel group when Liger announced the end of CTU ... Executes a perfect belly-to-back suplex.

264 MAHONEY (6'2", 251, 14, 202) With the rebirth of the ECW brand in June of last year, he was given an unexpected rebirth of his own as part of the new roster ... While he hasn't had a wealth of in-ring success thus far, still wins over fans—both new and old—with his wild, brawling style ... Briefly involved in a feud with Kevin Thorn and Ariel that brought fellow ECW Original Francine back to the brand for a short time ... Appeared occasionally in the ECW

Originals vs. New Breed feud that dominated the brand for most of the spring, but was largely his own man during the war ... Still uses his version of the Michinoku driver, which he calls the "Nutcracker Suite," to take out opponents.

265 ORIENTAL (5'9", 202, 15, 137) Veteran tecnico of AAA in Mexico has been moving up the cards, and has taken on a mentoring position helping AAA's young flyers in the Real Fuerza Aerea ... Has competed internationally, most recently with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan ... Holds AAA's mixed tag team championship with his sister, Cinthia Moreno ... Defended the belts against Espiritu and Rossy Moreno in January ... Kept the belts in another hard-fought match against Gran Apache and his daughter, Fabi Apache, in April ... Has a great tiger suplex in his repertoire.



266 STEVE RICHARDS (6'2", 227, 15, 251) While many hoped the ECW resurgence would signal a new chapter in the career of this ECW Original, he has continued to remain a background player for the most part ... Hasn't scored many wins in his sporadic ECW appearances, though he has had many competitive matches with C.M. Punk throughout the past year ... Much like Val Venis on the Raw brand and Sho Funaki on the Smackdown brand, Richards is an experienced veteran with an eye for talent ... Now finishing opponents with his "Stevie-T" DDT ... Scored recent upsets over Kevin Thorn, jumpstarting his career in ECW.

267 SYLVAN GRENIER (6'1", 245, 5, 312) Former championship partner with Rene Dupree in La Resistance has spent most of 2007 trying to find his niche in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Spent the back half

of 2006 as Quebec's "ambassador" to WWE ... While he might have lured more visitors to the "Great White North," he did not bring more checks to his win column, as he struggled in the Smackdown singles ranks ... Reunited with Rene Dupree as La Resistance for one appearance in ECW ... Moved to Ohio Valley Wrestling in February and has not been seen on television since ... Employs a delayed vertical brainbuster he calls the "Three Seconds Of Fame" to put away opponents.

268 SHANNON MOORE (5'8", 175, 12, 343) Following several weeks of hype building him to be the anti-authority punk rocker of ECW, Moore was quickly exposed as a fraud, at least in the eyes of C.M. Punk, who slapped Moore around with ease ... These beatings quickly deflated the promise of Moore in ECW, who appeared only sporadically on the brand for the next five months, losing all of his televised matches ... Scored his first win since returning to WWE in March, as part of a six-man cruiserweight tag on his new home, Smackdown ... Abandoned the punk look to focus on getting his in-ring game up to par ... When he does win, it's usually after a corkscrew senton.

269 ANTONI POLASKI (6', 302, 11, 234) The former Roadkill was a familiar face that fans were thrilled to see during the re-launch of ECW last year ... Quietly disappeared from the brand to refine his skills in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Went through a drastic transformation in OVW, abandoning his Amish roots and taking up the name Tony Braddock ... Later took up the name Antoni Polaski ... Many speculate

that he will return to WWE action ... Has the grace of men far smaller, and can take out opponents with a devastating top-rope splash.

270 SHOICHI FUNAKI (5'7", 180, 17, 252) Smackdown's "number-one announcer" continues to entertain fans worldwide in what is approaching a 10-year run with WWE ... A fixture on the company's undercards and house shows, Funaki has settled into the role of utility player on the Smackdown brand, often testing the mettle of new talent and as comic relief in backstage segments ... Hasn't won a televised match in over a year, but has taken singles wins over Chuck Palumbo, K.C. James, and Jay Bradley in dark matches ... Though the move is rarely seen nowadays, Funaki's arsenal includes a crisp Tornado DDT.

271 BRETT MAJOR (6'1", 205, 3, NL) Half of WWE's photogenic Major Brothers, who have quickly risen through the company's tag ranks ... Brett and Brian made a major impact in their ECW debut, scoring an upset victory over Marcus Cor Von and Matt Striker on May 1 ... The brothers' success shouldn't be too much of a surprise as they are two-time Deep South tag champions and former OVW tag champs ... Currently filling the clean-cut babyface role previously filled by Brian Kendrick and Paul London on Smackdown ... First trained by Mikey Whipwreck ... Long Island native still treasures his collection of ticket stubs from all of the WWF shows he attended as a child.

272 HARRY SMITH (6'5", 251, 7, 275) As part of the next generation of the legendary Hart wrestling family, the 22-year old carries a great weight on his shoulders as he works his way through WWE's developmental system ... The son of the late "British Bulldog" Davey Boy Smith has tremendous strength ... Signed with WWE in April of 2006, and has already defeated Rob Conway and Robbie McAllister ... Has wrestled for both Ohio Valley Wrestling and Deep South Wrestling ... Has since moved on to the Florida Championship Wrestling territory, where he became the first FCW Southern heavyweight champ ... Like his father, Harry employs a running powerslam finisher.

273 BRIAN MAJOR (6'1", 220, 3, NL) With brother Brett, the Majors are positioning themselves as top contenders to Deuce and Domino's Smackdown World tag team title ... Brian is best known for his impressive diving clothesline ... The brothers were inspired by such classic teams as The Rockers and The British Bulldogs ... They boast a very impressive STO/Russian legsweep double-team finisher ... Brian is considered by some to be the more technically proficient of the brothers, while Brett has a slight edge in aerial attacks ... A longtime wrestling fan, he was signed to a WWE developmental deal after wrestling a tryout match at the Nassau Coliseum near his hometown ... Trained by former ECW tag team champion Mikey Whipwreck.

274 LAREDO KID (5'6", 170, 3, NL) One of this year's breakout stars from AAA in Mexico, this high-flying tecnico seems to defy gravity ... This masked man is easy to spot in his bright white and

blue outfits ... Teams with Rey Cometa, Pegasso, Aero Star, and Super Fly as part of the Real Fuerza Aerea (Real Air Force) stable in AAA ... Debuted his new ring name at last year's TripleMania in a sensational eight-man tag ... Spent the spring months feuding with veteran luchador Gran Apache, who has outsmarted Kid at every turn ... His brother, Oscuridad, is also a luchador ... Finishes his matches with the "630 Laredo" flip.

275 ROB CONWAY (6', 240, 10, 197) It's been a tough 12 months for Conway, who has dropped matches on a consistent basis in both WWE and OVW ... After losing a match to Jeff Hardy on New Year's Day, Mr. McMahon entered the ring and fired him ... Made some sporadic appearances for Ohio Valley following his departure from Raw ... A last-ditch reunion of La Resistance barely got going,



as the team could not find a home in ECW or Smackdown ... Released from his WWE contract in May, and is currently reassessing his career direction ... Uses a fantastic elevated swinging neckbreaker as his main method of gaining pinfalls.

276 KARL ANDERSON (6', 240, 5, NL) Known as the "Machine Gun," this North Carolina native has really made a name for himself in the California independents ... Regularly appeared on all the Los Angeles Inoki Dojo cards under the purview of the NWA last year ... Now he's enjoying success in Pro Wrestling Guerrilla ... Took a big singles win over Frankie Kazarian in February, followed up by beating Colt Cabana in March ... Frequently teams with Joey Ryan as The Real American Heroes ... He and Ryan beat Incognito and Sicodelico Jr. as well as Billy Kidman and Sean Waltman in a three-way to fill the vacant NWA tag team championship on July 8 in McAllen, Texas.

277 VITO (6'2", 245, 16, 223) Easily the toughest man to ever wear a dress in the ring, Vito's unortho-

dox choice in attire proved a surprising success in late-2006 on the Smackdown brand ... Enjoyed a five-month winning streak after putting on the dress ... The streak was ended by Sylvester Terkay in October ... Suffered a few more defeats, then vanished altogether ... Reemerged in standard attire in Deep South Wrestling, where he quickly captured the heavyweight title ... Lost the belt a month later to former champion Bradley Jay ... Moved on to Ohio Valley Wrestling before being released from his contract in May ... Found much of his success last year with an implant DDT ... Now making rumblings about entering MMA competition.

278 RICK STEINER (5'11", 280, 24, NL) The "Dog-Faced Gremlin" is still going strong, most recently reuniting with brother Scott in TNA ... Since reforming their legendary tandem, the brothers have found themselves embroiled in a dream feud against Team 3D ... Their first televised encounter was scheduled to take place at TNA's Slammiversary event in June, but Scott was sidelined after suffering a trachea injury in Puerto Rico ... Rick pressed on, forming a once-in-a-lifetime team with Road Warrior Animal to challenge Team 3D in a losing effort ... With Scott back in action, The Steiners have seemingly regained their course ... Uses a top-rope bulldog to take out opponents.

279 KASSIDY JAMES (5'11", 205, 12, 353) The WWE-contracted veteran teams with K.C. James as one-half of OVW's Southern tag team champions ... As Cassidy Riley, he competed in TNA as one-half of The Hot Shots with partner Chase Stevens until leaving the company in January ... Has made sporadic appearances in WWE as far back as 2002, and still makes occasional appearances in ECW ... Was recruited by K.C. James as his "protector" because K.C. felt OVW officials weren't doing enough to address his arm injury ... Was trained by one of his childhood wrestling heroes, Terry Taylor.

280 KIKUTARO (5'9", 217, 13, 185) Comical masked man is at home in the rings of All Japan Pro Wrestling, having left Osaka Pro almost two years ago ... Lost a tough singles match to Ryuji Hijikata in February ... Wears a goofy mask reminiscent of his days wrestling as Ebessan ... Teamed with Keiji Muto and Taiyo Kea for some main-event action in the summer of 2007, but Kikutaro was almost always the fall guy ... Sporadically appears with PWG and Ring of Honor in the U.S. ... Effortlessly executes a perfect Cancun tornado press, which is essentially a spinning moonsault.

281 JERRY LAWLER (6', 236, 37, NL) After more than 35 years in the wrestling game, "The King" seems to be going as strong as ever, announcing the action every Monday night on Raw, as well as competing on the independent circuit most every weekend ... His contributions to the sport were recognized in April, when he was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame ... Created quite a stir when plans were announced for Lawler to face Hulk Hogan in Memphis in a rematch 25 years in the making ... WWE ultimately forced him to withdraw from the match, and he was replaced by Paul Wight (The Big Show) ... Briefly feuded with King Booker over use of the "King" moniker ... Still employs his patented piledriver to vanquish challengers.

282 REY COMETA (5'7", 168, 8, NL) Fearless high-flyer is right at home with his partners in AAA's tecnico stable called Real Fuerza Aerea ... Along with Laredo Kid, Aero Star, Super Flym, and Pegasso, Cometa has become a bona fide hit with Mexican fans, thanks in large part to his devil-may-care recklessness ... Competed in July's Torneo Alas de Oro, but lost to Extreme Tiger ... Spent most of the year feuding with The Black Family ... One of the only men in the sport to use a double-corkscrew plancha.

283 SUPER DRAGON (6', 235, 11, 213) One of the founders of Pro Wrestling Guerrilla, he has proven himself to be a fan favorite and one of the main attractions of the promotion ... Had notable feuds with Samoa Joe and Kevin Steen ... Ugly series with Steen ended in a brutal "Guerrilla Warfare" match that saw Dragon come out on top ... Teamed with Davey Richards to capture the PWG tag team championship, which they successfully defended the most times in PWG history, until their reign was cut short by an injury to Dragon ... Returned from the injury in October 2006 to regain the belts ... Known for his "Psycho Driver" (a torture rack into a piledriver).

284 BRAD ARMSTRONG (6', 252, 25, NL) Relegated to announcer duties on ECW, Armstrong does his best work developing young talent for WWE in Deep South Wrestling ... Active all throughout the southern independents as well, he frequently wrestles for IWA Deep South and NWA Birmingham ... Occasionally teams with his legendary father, "Bullet" Bob ... Had a mat classic with Mitch Ryder in Alabama that went to a time-limit draw in June ... Has toured the world and held scores of championships everywhere from WCW to the USWA ... Executes a flawless side Russian legsweep.

285 TAKAO OMORI (6'2", 221, 15, 232) Former star of Pro Wrestling NOAH has been a regular with Zero-One Max for the past few years ... Teaming with New Japan's Manabu Nakanishi, the duo captured both the IWGP tag team and NWA Intercontinental tag team titles in 2006 ... Lost the NWA straps to Yoshihiro Takayama and Kohei Sato in March, then dropped the

IWGP belts to Giant Bernard and Travis Tomko only days later ... Changed his fortunes by beating Steve Corino for the AWA heavyweight title two weeks later, marking his third run as champion ... Uses the "Axe Bomber" lariat to decapitate his foes.

286 K.C. JAMES (6'2", 235, 6, NL) The one-time "Teacher's Pet" (along with Aaron Stevens) is back down in OVW after a disappointing run on Smackdown ... Currently teaming with his "younger brother," Cassidy, as The James Boys, and the two have won two OVW Southern tag championships ... Also won a OVW tag title with Roadkill ... Previously spent some time in Puerto Rico's IWA where he was one of the most hated—yet successful—wrestlers on the roster ... Deceptively powerful ... Following in the tradition of stars such as Bob Orton Jr. and "Iron" Mike Sharpe, he has a pesky arm injury that won't heal, which allows him to wear a cast on his arm during matches ... Likes to win matches using a sky-high power bomb ... If that doesn't work, there's always the cast.

287 RYUSUKE TAGUCHI (5'11", 201, 5, NL) Up-and-coming junior heavyweight is part of El Samurai's Samurai Gym faction along with Yujiro ... Held the IWGP junior tag title with El Samurai for a few months last year ... Took his biggest career win in July of this year, defeating MINORU for the IWGP junior heavyweight title ... Spent most of the past two years in Mexico, wrestling for CMLL and learning the Mexican lucha libre style ... Odd post-match dance routine has earned him the nickname the "Funky Weapon" ... His "Dodon" finisher is a double chicken-wing lifted up, then dropped into a facebuster.

288 TONY MAMALUKE (5'10", 170, 9, 178) Made his WWE debut this past June as part of the ECW revival, alongside longtime partner Nunzio as part of The Full-Blooded Italians ... The duo appeared

sporadically, and to minimal success, often being pitted against much larger opponents ... His singles outings with the brand ended in similar fashion ... Released from his WWE contract in January and has kept a low profile for most of 2007 ... Always under-rated as a mat and submission wrestler, Mameluke can beat opponents with a variety of painful holds, including the Sicilian stretch.

289 CHET THE JET (6'1", 232, 7, 135) The former Chet Jablonski is coming off a breakthrough year, having twice won the OVW heavyweight title ... Scored a big victory over C.M. Punk to win the belt in August 2006 as a substitute for the injured Seth Skyfire ... His reign was interrupted by Jacob Duncan, but Chet regained the title in December ... Lost the belt to Paul Birchall that same night ... Was trained by Les Thatcher in Deep South Wrestling before moving to OVW ... Is finally being taken seriously after years of being stuck in a comedy role as a struggling Jablonski ... Continues to use his devastating "Hit The Showers" finisher to pile up the wins.

290 MICHAEL KOVAC (5'11", 228, 13, NL) Veteran powerhouse from Linz, Austria, has made his mark on the European scene ... Beat Joe Legend to capture the German Stampede Wrestling heavyweight title in January, and defended it in the Four Nations Cup, beating U.S. rep Homicide and U.K. rep Doug Williams before losing it to Absolute Andy ... He and Ahmed Chaer have a stranglehold on the EPW tag team title, having reigned as champions since November 2004 ... Beat Roderick Strong and Chris Sabin in late-2006, two of his biggest international victories ... Has a wide variety of finishing moves, but tends to favor an avalanche-style powerslam.



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291 ORLANDO JORDAN (6'4", 250, 7, 182) WWE fans have not seen the former member of John Bradshaw Layfield's "Cabinet" for over a year ... Jordan recently reemerged overseas, working a handful of shows for New Japan Pro Wrestling ... There is talk that he will return there in the future, as the company has proven fruitful for many ex-WWE stars, including Tyson Tomko, Giant Bernard (A-Train), and Brock Lesnar ... Currently hosts a weekly online radio show called *Club O.J.* ... Uses his "Orlando Magic" neckbreaker to finish off opponents.

292 MINORU FUJITA (5'9", 195, 10, 81) Former AWA junior heavyweight champion is breaking from his tag team past and making a name for himself as a singles wrestler in the small Japanese promotion Zero-One Max ... Captured the AWA title from Takuya Sugawara in August 2006 and held it until January of this year when he was unseated by his famed tag team partner, Ikuto Hidaka ... Hidaka and Fujita were beaten by Chris Sabin and Alex Shelley for the Zero-One Max tag title, and the two have since split up ... Took a few wins over Hidaka and his new partner, THE*ZEST, this past summer ... His signature hold is called the "Boneyard."

293 C.W. ANDERSON (6'1", 237, 12, 163) Originally expected to be part of the ECW rebirth, Anderson made just one televised appearance for the brand, losing to C.M. Punk via submission ... Released in January after a long period of inactivity ... Re-emerged in April working in several East Coast and Mid-Atlantic independent groups, including Hermie Sadler's United Wrestling Federation ... Hasn't found much success in his comeback, though that may be attributed to ring rust ... Always a solid technician in the ring, C.W. continues using his trademark spinebuster when putting his opponents down for the three-count.

294 GRAN AKUMA (5'10", 199, 4, 362) CHIKARA's most dangerous rudo has made a great deal of career progress since unmasking ... Has years of martial arts training ... With longtime partner Icarus, collectively known as F.I.S.T., Akuma took the biggest win of his career by defeating Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli for CHIKARA's Campeonatos de Parejas last November ... Made his FIP debut in December, which quickly led to his Ring of Honor debut in April of this year ... Known for his high-speed "Yoshi Tonic" sunset flip variation, he recently added a fantastic 450 splash to his repertoire.

295 JUSTIN LaROCHE (6'1", 240, 6, NL) "The Ox" is a frequent tag team partner of Charles "The Hammer" Evans ... LaRoche and Evans won the OVW Southern tag title in May, beating the highly

regarded team of Cody (Runnels) Rhodes and Shawn Spears ... The team also scored a big win over Deuce and Domino that same month ... Previously competed as Magnus Maximus in Steel Domain Wrestling ... Also competed under the name Hellraiser Guts ... Entered OVW in late-2006 after a brief stint in Deep South Wrestling ... Bruising powerhouse is known for his bad attitude and hot temper.

296 EL PANTERA (5'7", 188, 22, 394) Veteran tecnico has worked throughout his native Mexico as well as overseas ... Returned to the U.S. for the first time in years, teaming with Lince Dorado and Sicodelico Jr. for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February ... The luchadores did well for themselves, advancing all the way to the



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semifinals ... Teamed with Dorado to beat Claudio Castagnoli and Larry Sweeney in May ... Toured with All Japan Pro Wrestling in July ... Lost his mask last summer at Arena Mexico, but has been contesting the decision with the lucha commission ... In the meantime, he still wears his famous feline hood ... Has a remarkably graceful moonsault body-block for a man his age.

297 ADAM FLASH (5'11", 222, 16, 418) Reigned as the Maryland Championship Wrestling titleholder for 364 days ... His reign ended when Joey Matthews (Mercury) beat him in a no-disqualification match at the 2007 Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup ... Vows to re-injure Matthews' face ... Fought MCW co-owner Dan McDevitt for creative control throughout year ... That led to a feud with fellow veteran Danny Doring ... Scored key victories over Christian York and Julio Dinero ... Aligned with The Bruiser and The Ghetto Mafia ... Formed an alliance with The Messiah and B-Boy in Combat Zone Wrestling ... Pet finisher remains the legdrop off the top rope.

298 SCORPIO (5'11", 229, 21, 195) International star is still among the finest high-flyers

active today, even after two solid decades in the wrestling business ... Lost his NOAH hardcore title to Kentaro Shiga in September 2006 ... Re-signed with WWE in the autumn of 2006 and saw just a handful of matches with the Smackdown brand before being released in May 2007 ... Won the Pro Wrestling Unplugged heavyweight title from Devon Moore in June ... Has experience with every major promotion on the planet, from AAA in Mexico to NOAH in Japan ... Inventor of the often-imitated 450 splash.

299 CHRIS BOSH (5'11", 195, 4, 328) California independent is at home in Pro Wrestling Guerrilla ... Nicknamed "Photogenic" because of his aspirations to be a male model ... Gave up that dream to pursue pro wrestling full-time ... Captured

the PWG tag title with Arrogance partner Scott Lost on numerous occasions ... Has gained popularity as a singles wrestler, winning the 2005 Battle of Los Angeles tournament and coming close to winning the PWG heavyweight belt ... A member of the Dynasty stable, which made its East Coast debut as part of CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February ... Signature move is "Maximum Bosh" (a clothesline into a backbreaker).

300 VLADIMIR KOZLOV (6'6", 310, 2, NL) Accomplished amateur wrestler was signed by WWE in 2005 (on the recommendation of Jerry Jarrett) and sent to the ill-fated Deep South Wrestling territory ... At that time, he was better known as Oleg Prudius ... Tore through the competition in DSW in 2006, and moved to OVW in September ... Showed up at WWE's Armageddon pay-per-view in December, and destroyed Scotty 2 Hotty ... In January and February of this year, he won a handful of non-televised bouts for both the Raw and Smackdown brands ... Sent back to OVW at the end of February, and has been tearing through the competition there for months ... Trained in freestyle wrestling, sambo, kickboxing, and judo.

301 KUDO (6', 199, 6, 237) One of the most popular stars in the independent DDT promotion ... Has emerged as a cult favorite in Japan ... Throws a devastating array of kicks to the head and body ... Teamed up with MIYAWAKI and Yoshiaki Yago for the 2007 King of Trios tournament, making it all the way to the finals before losing to Mike Quackenbush, Jigsaw, and Shane Storm ... Almost captured the KO-D tag title with MIKAMI in June ... Also competed for IWC and IWA East Coast during his most recent U.S. stay ... Puts opponents away with his double-knee-drop from the top rope.

302 PSICOSIS (5'11", 189, 16, NL) Not to be confused with the original Psicosis, who is commonly called "Nicho," this is the replacement Psicosis who's been wrestling in AAA since 1997 ... Formerly known Leon Negro, he became Psicosis after the original left for WCW ... Teamed with Crazy Boy last September to win the masks of Los Perversos de Panama in Coahuila ... Won the Mexican National Atomicos title for the fifth time in his career last November, teaming with Crazy Boy, Joe Lider, and Juventud Guerrera ... They reigned for six months before losing to La Secta ... Known for his crazed tope suicida onto opponents outside the ring.

303 ICARUS (5'10", 174, 5, 357) CHIKARA's most despised rudo lost his long, blond hair to Jigsaw in the summer of 2006, and has developed an even meaner streak ... He and F.I.S.T. partner Gran Akuma beat Chris Hero and Claudio Castagnoli for CHIKARA's Campeonatos de Parejas on November 17, 2006, and have held them ever since ... Aligned with the Kings of Wrestling, Icarus and Akuma recruited Chuck Taylor into the fold just in time for the February 2007 King of Trios tournament ... Advanced all the way to the semifinals ... Pet move is the pedigree.

304 SCOTT LOST (5'9", 190, 6, 324) California independent mainstay has spent most of his career as a tag team wrestler, and has held the Pro Wrestling Guerrilla tag team title on four separate occasions ... Has Japanese wrestling experience, having toured with Osaka Pro ... Competed in the 2006 ECWA Super 8 tournament and the 2006 IWA Mid-South Ted Petty Invitational ... A member of the Dynasty stable in PWG ... Together with Joey Ryan and Chris Bosh, The Dynasty entered CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February ... Lost and Bosh had a sensational match with Chris Sabin and Alex Shelley in early-2007, but couldn't beat the TNA stars ... Favorite submission hold is the scorpion deathlock.

305 JUSTIN CREDIBLE (6', 227, 15, 171) Another of the ECW Originals who was expected to make a big impact during the brand's resurgence, the former ECW champ never showed signs of his former self and was barely noticed by fans ... His only wins in the WWE-owned ECW came by decidedly un-extreme DQ decisions when he was hit with chairs or put

through tables ... Released by WWE in September 2006 ... Returned to Northeast independents such as Big Time Wrestling and Defiant Pro Wrestling to modest fanfare in February of this year ... Still uses the "That's Incredible" tombstone piledriver to pick up wins.

306 JESSE DALTON (5'10", 215, 7, 349) One-half of Smackdown's newest country bumpkins, The Dalton Boys, Jesse is in reality Ray Gordy, son of legendary Freebird Terry "Bam Bam" Gordy ... Spent most of the past two years in the Deep South Wrestling developmental territory ... Formulated his new character while teaming with the former Henry O. Godwinn, comprising the New Godwinns ... As "Cousin Ray," teamed with H.O.G. to defeat Deuce and Domino in a Smackdown dark match in March ... A former NWA Georgia heavyweight champion ... Likes to pin his opponents with a bridging German suplex.

307 DAN RODMAN (6'7", 300, 3, NL) The sculpted former University of South Florida football standout has spent the past year learning his craft in WWE's developmental territories, but could be called up soon to WWE's full-time roster ... Competed in WWE's last *Tough Enough* competition, alongside Daniel Puder and Mike Mizanin ... Has been billed as the "Big Deal" and the "Real Deal," and has occasionally used his real surname, Rodimer ... Made his television debut in April, defeating Eugene ... A reported favorite of Stephanie McMahon.

308 SICODELICO JR. (6'2", 228, 9, NL) The son of Sicodelico and nephew of Dos Caras and Mil Mascaras, this emerging star is part of lucha's greatest dynasty ... Wrestled for CMLL before relocating to Texas to try his hand at American independents ... One of the top stars with Booker T's Pro Wrestling Alliance in



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Pasadena ... Teamed with Pantera and Lince Dorado for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February, making it all the way to the semifinals ... Advanced over Roughneck Ryan in the NWA heavyweight title tournament during the summer ... Almost won the NWA tag team title in July with partner Incognito ... Has a perfect slingshot corkscrew plancha.

309 SCOTTY 2 HOTTY (5'9", 209, 19, 281) As one of the longest-standing members of the WWE roster, many fans were surprised to hear of his release from the company in May ... Despite being a tremendous favorite of the fans, Scotty was not holding his own in the ring, racking up loss after loss on Smackdown, both as a singles competitor and as a team with Sho Funaki ... Has recently announced his first dates back on the independent circuit, where he plans on reuniting with former Too Cool partner Grandmaster Sexay ... Often uses the breakdance staple "The Worm" to set up a match-ending diving chop.

310 NECRO BUTCHER (6'1", 252, 9, 299) Infamous death match wrestler is known the world over for his unreal stamina and incredible threshold for pain ... Won the XICW heavyweight title in November of last year ... Teams with Madman Pondo in Florida's FIP promotion, where they've been chasing the tag champs, The Briscoe Brothers ... Took a singles win over Jay Briscoe in April ... Lost to Freak Show in the 2007 edition of the King of the Death Matches tournament ... Came close to winning the Jersey All-Pro title from Senshi in March ... Frequently makes use of the tiger driver, and has a wicked lariat in his arsenal.

311 JOSH DANIELS (5'8", 210, 5, 374) The native of Syracuse, New York, had another impressive year on the Northeast independent circuit, most notably the New York Wrestling Connection and Maryland Championship Wrestling ... Also competes in Northeast Wrestling ... Beat Chris Hero in Albany, New York, for his biggest one-on-one victory to date ... Held the MCW Rage TV title from July 22 to September 10, 2006 ... Also enjoyed a reign as NYWC Interstate champ ... Defeated Christopher Daniels, Delirious, Sonjay Dutt, The Human Tornado, and Ruckus in a six-way elimination match to win the 2007 Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup ... Known for his swan-dive headbutt and dragon suplex.

312 FESTUS DALTON (6'7", 330, 2, 389) The larger, quieter half of WWE's Dalton Boys tandem ... Previously competed in WWE's now-defunct Deep South Wrestling territory as Freakin Deacon, and was moved to OVW in May ... Disguised as the Impostor Kane, he briefly feuded with the genuine "Big Red Machine" in WWE, and even defeated him at 2006's Vengeance pay-per-view event ... A former player on the Fairmont State University football team in West Virginia.

313 EL BRONCO (5'10", 235, 24, NL) Native of the Dominican Republic has wrestled his way to legendary stature in Puerto Rico's World Wrestling Council over the past three decades ... Not to be confused with former CMLL luchador Bronco ... Has held every title in the history of the WWC, including eight tag team championships in the past 16 years ... Sometimes aligned with fellow Puerto Rican star Apolo ... Started his career under a mask, but lost it years ago to Carlos Colon ... Ended his long, bloody feud with Fire Blaze in July in a match in which the loser would retire ... Not only won the match, but unmasked Blaze to reveal Orlando Colon ... Finishes off opponents with a DDT.

314 CHUCK TAYLOR (6'1", 185, 4, NL) Midwest independent took the East Coast by storm this year, winning both the Rey De Voladores tournament in April and CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup in June ... Won the IWA Mid-South heavyweight title from Toby Klein in September 2006 and has defended it dozens of times since ... Took big wins over Colt Cabana, Senshi, Steve Corino, Davey Richards, and Danny Basham since winning the belt ... Advanced over Cabana Man Dan, Lince Dorado, and archival Ricochet to become Young Lions Cup champ ... His piledriver variation, the "Omega Driver," makes for a deadly finishing move.

315 BRIAN MILONAS (6'4", 340, 6, NL) The reigning Chaotic Wrestling heavyweight champion is among New England's finest independent wrestlers ... Won the championship in February from Thomas

Penmanship in Massachusetts ... Known for his red, Jim Neidhart-esque goatee ... Part of the Big Business stable organized by Cherry Payne, the group also includes Alex Arion and Max Bauer ... Held the Chaotic Wrestling tag belts twice in years past, with different partners ... WWE Raw champ John Cena refereed his May title defense over Rick Fuller ... Puts his opponents away using a sit-out variation of the chokeslam.

316 T.J. PERKINS (5'9", 178, 7, 347) Once known as the masked man Puma, Perkins gave up his anonymity and is doing just fine with his given name ... Still dons the mask on occasion, though ... Made it all the way to the finals of the EWF's "Inland Title Series" tournament in January, but lost in the final round to Joey Harder ... Lost a tough Ring of Honor match to Nigel McGuinness in February ... Frequently competes for Pro Wrestling Guerrilla in California as well as UWA Hardcore in Ontario, Canada ... In the biggest match of his career, teamed with Jushin Liger to defeat Ultimo Dragon and Kauzchika Okada in May ... Uses a terrific tiger suplex to end his matches.

317 ROMEO ROSELLI (6'1", 227, 8, 263) Best known to fans as one-half of the Heartbreakers tandem alongside partner Antonio Thomas, Roselli is actually busier in his post-WWE career ... A fixture on the New England and New York independent scene, Roselli also spent most of last December competing in Italy for Nu-Wrestling Evolution, where he's the heavyweight champion ... While he still teams with Thomas on occasion, both men have shifted their focus to singles careers since being released from WWE ... Made a surprise appearance alongside Thomas as Christy Hemme's mystery team in her war with The Voodoo Kin Mafia in TNA ... Uses a standing variation of the blockbuster neckbreaker to pick up his singles wins.

318 HALLOWICKED (6'1", 195, 5, 317) Largely considered the top student produced by the CHIKARA Wrestle Factory, Hallowicked has backed up that claim by debuting for FIP in December, then Ring of Honor in April ... Forms the tag team Incoherence with Delirious ... Captured the IWA Deep South heavyweight championship in May 2006 and held on to it for 10 months ... Spent 2006 feuding with former partner UltraMantis Black's Neo Solar Temple stable ... Rivalry with Eddie Kingston now occu-

pies his time ... Took a big career win over Matt Sydal on April 22, but then lost the rematch on ROH's June 9 card ... Calls his fishermanbuster-turned-Rydeen bomb finisher the "Graveyard Smash."

319 BRIAN JENNINGS (6'2", 240, 4, NL) A cult favorite for years, "Bad Boy" Jennings ascended to the very top of the Heartland Wrestling Association when he defeated Jon Moxley for the HWA heavyweight title in January ... Has successfully defended the title against Moxley, Cody Hawk, and Sean Casey ... Had a brief run as the HWA TV champion in November 2006, opting to vacate the title to pursue the heavyweight championship ... Scored a key victory over Romeo Roselli ... Loves to finish off his opposition with his signature submission move, the "Buffalo Wing."

320 TEDDY HART (6'1", 195, 9, 421) Star of short-lived Wrestling Society X promotion is a member of Canada's most famous wrestling family ... Teamed with Matt "M-Dogg 20" Cross to form the tag team The Filth and the Fury ... Won the Jersey All Pro heavyweight title in October of last year, but was stripped of the belt in January after a falling-out with the company ... Relocated to Florida to make inroads with the WWE-owned Florida Championship Wrestling and was signed to a developmental contract in the summer of 2007 ... His "Open Hart Surgery" is an incredible corkscrew splash.



321 MAXIME BOYER (5'8", 170, 7, 387) One of Quebec's brightest prospects in recent years, Boyer has ditched his "Canadian Dynamite" moniker and is making a name for himself all throughout North America ... Beat Arik Cannon to win CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup in October 2006 and held it all the way through June of this year ... Also won the IWS Extreme Dream tournament ... Teamed with Christian Cage for his biggest career match in March, as the duo beat Jake Matthews and Pierre Carl Ouellet ... Joined Chris Hero's Kings of Wrestling stable in May ... His trademark finishing move, "The Lifestyle," is an odd pump-handle move that ends like a fisherman-buster.

322 DRAKE YOUNGER (5'10", 196, 7, NL) Self-proclaimed "hybrid wrestler" can do it all, mixing it up in clean contests as well as violent hardcore bouts ... Indianapolis native had a breakout year with wild matches in both CZW and IWA Mid-South ... Won the IWA Death Match title in February ... Failed in his April title bout against CZW heavyweight champ Justice Pain ... Ousted Kenji Fukimoto from June's King of the Death Matches tournament, but later fell to Dysfunction in a barbed wire match ... That same month, he beat Brain Damage to win the sixth annual Tournament of Death in Delaware ... His finisher, the "Drake's Landing," is a vertebreaker.

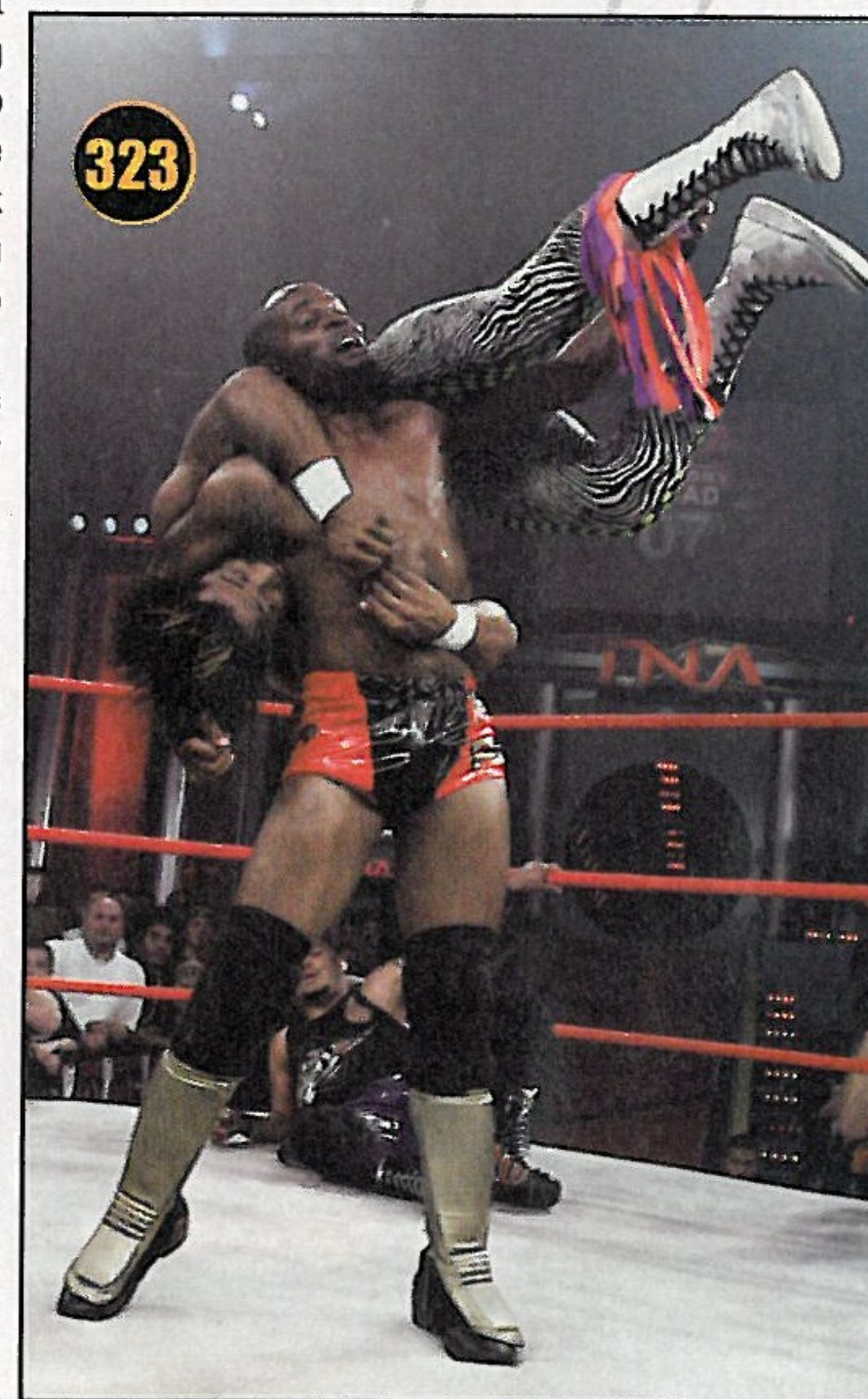
323 ELIX SKIPPER (5'10", 228, 7, 116) The incredibly gifted Skipper suffered a recent career setback, being released by TNA at the end of 2006 and spending the next seven months working the independents before returning to the company just before press time ... Had been teaming with David Young in the faltering duo known as Diamonds in the Rough at the time of his release ... Continued to work alongside Young for the United Wrestling Federation ... The duo has managed to defend the NWA Wrestle Birmingham tag title for well over a year ... Likes to use his "Play Of The Day" swinging neckbreaker to rack up victories.

324 ACE STEEL (5'9", 211, 16, 279) The veteran journeyman has competed in WWE's developmental territories since February, first in Deep South and now in OVW ... Competed in one of WWE's most memorable bouts of 2007, playing the part of Donald Trump in a dreadful "match" against a Rosie O'Donnell impersonator during a January edition of Raw ... Pinned "Rosie" after slamming a cake into her face ... Vince McMahon, who sat at ringside, signed him to a WWE developmental contract soon afterward ... Spent almost three full months of the grading period sidelined with an injury ... Now reunited with his former Second City Saints partners, Colt

Cabana and C.M. Punk, under the WWE banner ... Uses a Gory neckbreaker variation as his finisher.

325 JIGSAW (6'1", 172, 4, 350) Jigsaw sports a puzzle piece on his mask, but his success puzzles no one ... Branched out this year with appearances in Ring of Honor, FIP, and CZW, to name a few ... Captured the CZW junior heavyweight title in September 2006 by defeating Sonjay Dutt and reigned for seven months ... Alongside trainer Mike Quackenbush and frequent partner Shane Storm, rolled through 15 other teams to win CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February of this year ... Former Young Lions Cup champion Jigsaw has tested his mettle against Bryan Danielson and has wrestled in Canada, Mexico, and Germany ... Finishing move is the head-crushing "Jig 'n' Tonic."

326 MURAT BOSPORUS (5'7", 242, 5, NL) The "Turkish Wrestling Machine" is one of Europe's most popular wrestlers ... Toured with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan in October 2006, even headlining as Doug Williams' partner against top stars Naomichi Marufuji and Takeshi Morishima ... Teamed with Wesley Croton to win the WXW (Germany) tag team title twice between September 2006 and April 2007 ... Made an impressive showing in his WWE tryout in the spring of 2007 during a European tour ... Reached the finals of WXW's 16-Carat Gold tournament, beating Steve Douglas and NOAH's Go Shiozaki, before losing to American independent Chris Hero ... Known for his perfect frog splash that he calls "Anatolia Splash."



327 MITCH RYDER (6', 218, 16, NL) "Simply Marvelous" is back on the scene after a several-year absence and has looked very good on the Midwest and East Coast scenes ... Teamed with Larry Sweeney and Robbie Ellis in February for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament ... Took an upset victory over Necro Butcher in a wild CZW match in April ... Followed up by beating Buff Bagwell at the debut event for XCW Midwest in June, a promotion he helped found ... Longtime veteran of the circuit has experience in the USWA and WCW, including a successful tenure in Nashville ... Trademark move is the time-honored piledriver.

328 CODY HAWK (6'2", 220, 10, 316) Hails from Malibu Beach, California, but appears most often in Ohio's HWA promotion ... After failing to regain the HWA heavyweight title in a series of battles with Jon Moxley, Hawk called it quits in 2006 ... In January 2007, Cody's longtime friend Matt Stryker convinced Cody to come out of retirement and tag up with him once again ... Stryker's plan would backfire as Hawk turned against him, joining Sean Casey, Kimo, Josh Rafferty, and manager Samantha to form The Five Most Wanted ... Held the Buckeye Pro Wrestling tag team title with Shark Boy until May ... Finishes off the opposition with his "Rubik's Cube."

329 FERGAL DEVITT (5'10", 201, 7, NL) Young Irishman is a regular with New Japan Pro Wrestling, where he's competed under such names as "Prince" Devitt and Pegasus Kid II ... Competed in the NWA heavyweight title tournament in the spring of 2007, ousting Mikey Nicholls before being eliminated in the subsequent round by Bryan Danielson ... Has held the NWA British Commonwealth heavyweight title twice ... Began his alliance with Jushin Liger's CTU stable in the fall of 2006 ... Sidelined for several months in 2007, costing him momentum in this year's ranking ... Named his armbar finishing submission hold "Devitt's End."

330 D-RAY 3000 (5'11", 187, 7, NL) Off-the-wall independent wrestler bears a passing resemblance to Outkast's Andre 3000 ... Returned to TNA in October 2006 to compete in Kevin Nash's "Open Invitational X Division Gauntlet Battle Royal" at the Bound for Glory pay-per-view ... In March, he took the name "Viko Batomanga" for a one-night appearance on Smackdown, where he was humorously billed as the "Ethiopian heavyweight champion" and was decimated by Montel Vontavious Porter ... The current RPFW cruiserweight champion, having defeated Tommy Johnson ... Successfully defended the title against Ralph Hickenbottom in May in a wild ladder match ... Named his unique finisher the "Circuit-Breaker."

331 LARRY SWEENEY (5'9", 190, 3, 336) Flamboyant graduate of the Chikara Wrestle Factory won the sixth annual Super Indy tournament in May, last defeating Shiima Xion ... Has served as an agent to Chris Hero in Ring of Honor since December, but Sweeney has yet to do any wrestling there ... Ousted from February's King of Trios tournament in the opening round, despite enlisting the help of kindred spirits Robbie Ellis and Mitch Ryder ... Competes frequently for FIP in Florida and all over Canada ... Was pinned by Kamala in May ... Calls his top rope elbowdrop "12 Large, Brother."

332 ADEN CHAMBERS (6', 190, 5, NL) The reigning East Coast Wrestling Association heavyweight champion is the man to beat in Delaware ... Tried to win the ECWA Mid-Atlantic title back in January before setting his sights on heavyweight gold ... Captured the belt in March in a four-way dance over Ace Darling, Freak Nasty, and Frederick of Hollywood ... Retained the title over Rob Eckos in a May defense ... He and Andrew Ryker had a seven-month reign as ECWA tag team champions before losing the belts to The Valedictorians in December 2006.

333 VIKING (5'9", 190, 7, NL) Mainstay of the Canadian independents hasn't found much success outside of his home country ... Long, violent feud with Kevin Steen has earned both a measure of fame through Quebec ... Has held the IWS heavyweight title for over a year ... Renown for his wild chops, which often leave his opponents' chests battered and bloodied ... Retained the IWS title in a wild defense against Exess in March, and the match has quickly become one of the most talked-about in the promotion's history ... His signature move is known as "Teuer De Policier."

334 DAVID YOUNG (6'1", 246, 17, 262) This veteran of the ring wars recently suffered a career setback, parting ways with TNA after nearly five years ... Had been teaming with Elix Skipper at the time of his release ... Spent much of 2007 continuing to work alongside Skipper for Hermie Sadler's United Wrestling Federation ... The team continues to experience mixed results ... On the upside, the duo has managed to defend the NWA Wrestle Birmingham tag title for over 18 months ... A perpetually underrated in-ring technician, Young's arsenal is highlighted by a bone-rattling spinebuster.

335 MARTIN STONE (6', 230, 4, NL) Native of Essex, England, has emerged as a power player on the European scene ... Nicknamed "The Guvnor," he had his highest-profile match back in January when he faced Keiji Muto for RQW ... Went toe to toe with TNA's Rhino in April ... Reigned as IPW U.K. champ for 15 months before losing the title to Andy Boy

Simmonz late last year ... Currently holds the RQW heavyweight title, which he won in a tournament final over Pac back in December ... Appeared in Pro Wrestling Guerrilla and Premier Promotions during the past 12 months ... Held the FWA tag team title with Stixx for 16 months until being stripped in November 2006 ... His signature move, the "London Bridge," is a variation of the DDT that is executed with his opponent's legs hung on the top rope.

336 MATT STRYKER (5'11", 215, 9, 398) Longtime Heartland Wrestling Association star has found himself at odds with Sean Casey since Casey returned to the HWA in the fall of 2006 ... Stryker convinced Cody Hawk to come out of retirement in January 2007, only to be backstabbed by Hawk ... The betrayal re-ignited the on-again, off-again tension the two have had for years ... Reigned as MPW heavyweight champion for 11 months before losing to B.J. Whitmer in February ... The "Mafia Kick" and "Stryker Driver" are two of the weapons Stryker uses to gain victory.

337 BRANDON THOMASELLI (5'9", 204, 4, NL) One-third of The Iron Saints with brothers Vito and Sal, this group has run roughshod over IWA Mid-South for most of the past year ... Defeated Josh Abercrombie in a violent TLC match to win the IWA Mid-South light heavyweight title in April, ending their 16-month rivalry ... The Iron Saints entered February's King of Trios tournament, but were eliminated in the second round by KUDO, MIYAWAKI, and Yago ...



Recently debuted with Philadelphia-based independents PWU and CZW ... Scored his biggest career win to date in June by defeating TNA star Senshi ... Signature maneuver is a powerbomb-turned-lungblower to the back that he calls, simply, "The Deal."

338 STEVE DOUGLAS (6', 198, 4, 370) Blond-haired German native isn't even popular in his hometown of Glachau ... Held three titles in Europe at press time: the ESW (Germany) European title as well as the WXW tag team and FSF tag team championships, each with different partners ... Appeared in Austria, Switzerland, France, Belgium, England, and the Netherlands during the past year, in addition to regular appearances throughout Germany and Switzerland ... Competed in the first and only King of the Death Matches card held in Europe back in December, losing a bloody contest to Iceman ... Trademark finishing move is a half-nelson and waistlock suplex.

339 EDDIE KINGSTON (5'11", 228, 4, 375) "The King Of Diamonds," one of CHIKARA's top rudos, had an unforgettable year ... Won his first heavyweight title by defeating longtime rival Chris Hero for the CZW belt last September ... Served as the enforcer of the Blackout stable in East Coast independents, eventually ousting Hero from CZW in a loser-leaves-town match on April 7 ... Long feud with former friend Larry Sweeney ended with Kingston defeating Sweeney in a brutal "Yellow-Bellied Strap Match" at a CHIKARA show in November 2006 ... Won the IWA Mid-South "Strong Style" tournament that same month, defeating Drake Younger in the final ... Has a devastating back-fist strike.

340 DEVON MOORE (5'9", 180, 6, NL) Top star of the Philadelphia-based Pro Wrestling Unplugged promotion ... Reigned as PWU heavyweight champ for 10 months before being unseated by Scorpio ... Turned back several challenges from Ian Rotten, many ending in DQs ... Also held the PWU junior title for half of 2006 before losing the belt to Corporal Robinson ... Has experience wrestling in Mexico ... The current WXW cruiserweight champion ... Sometimes teams with fellow PWU grappler Detox ... Also competes for Valley Championship Wrestling ... A capable aerialist with several high-risk moves in his repertoire.

341 AARON AGUILERA (6'6", 270, 10, NL) Returned to the national stage this year as a star of MTV's Wrestling Society X, where he was Kaos' tag team partner ... Previously known as Jesus during his WWE days and as Hardcore Kidd when he used to wrestle under a mask ... Spent some time training in the Inoki Dojo in Los Angeles after his WWE release ... Dabbled in mixed martial arts, but didn't fare well ... Now splits his time between acting gigs and the squared circle ... Lost to Adam Pearce in the first round of the NWA title tournament in June ... The sit-out chokeslam variation is his favorite maneuver.

342 SHAUN KOEN (6'3", 280, 24, NL) The "Lion Of Africa" is the top star of South Africa's African Wrestling Alliance and is enjoying a lengthy reign as African heavyweight champion ... Does charity work with Africa's Reach For A Dream Foundation, putting his wrestling fame to good use ... A second-generation star, his father, Jackie, also wrestled ... Style suited to the strength advantage he enjoys in nearly every bout.

343 MIYAWAKI (5'10", 204, 8, 306) Japanese independent has spent a good chunk of the past few years as a top attraction for the Kaientai Dojo, where he's aligned with the Rave Sekigun stable ... Has concentrated on his tag team work in 2007 ... Holds the K-Dojo tag team title with YOSHIYA, and the two have gone unbeaten for months ... Incredibly accurate dropkicks leave foes dazed ... Along with KUDO and Yoshiaki Yago, made it all the way to the finals of CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February ... The inverted DDT is his trademark move.

344 SAL THOMASELLI (5'9", 179, 5, 483) One-third of The Iron Saints with brothers Vito and Brandon, this group has run roughshod over IWA Mid-South for most of the past year ... With Vito, he's held the IWA Mid-South tag team title three times since September 2005, and they are the current champs ... Eliminated from February's King of Trios tournament in the second round by KUDO, MIYAWAKI, and Yago ... Sal and Vito won the first annual Candido Cup Tag Team Tournament in June, defeating Cheech and Cloudy in the finals ... Recently debuted with Philadelphia-based independents PWU and CZW ... Trademark finishing move is an assisted senton that the Saints call "Californication."

345 DAVE CRIST (5'10", 170, 5, 383) Teams with brother Jake Crist to form The Irish Airborne, competing regularly for the Heartland Wrestling Association, Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling, and Ring of Honor ... Held the HWA tag team title from October 2006 to March 2007 ... Feuded extensively with The Mavericks ... Headlined the HWA's second online

pay-per-view, "CyberClash 2.0" ... Known to be the cockier of the brothers Crist ... Joined forces with



Kimo to battle Abyss in March ... Calls his signature move the "Irish Air Raid."

346 JAKE MATTHEWS (6'1", 228, 14, NL) Canadian heavyweight hails from the "Wrong Side Of The Tracks," which is apparently somewhere in Quebec ... Had his biggest career match in March of this year, teaming with Pierre-Carl Ouellet against TNA superstar Christian Cage and Max Boyer ... His wife, Lollipop, accompanies him to the ring ... Has spent the majority of the year trying to unseat NCW champion Bishop ... His bizarre behavior caused fans to start calling him "Paranoid Jake" ... Uses a cradle suplex to put his opponents down for the count.

347 VITO THOMASELLI (5'9", 188, 6, 479) One-third of The Iron Saints with brothers Sal and Brandon ... Holds the IWA Mid-South tag team title with Sal ... As a unit, The Iron Saints have lost just nine matches over the past two years ... Their signature double-team move is the "Californication," a tandem senton.

348 BRIAN FURY (5'11", 210, 5, NL) "Straight Edge" Brian is the reigning Chaotic Wrestling New England champion ... Beat Psycho in January to become the top-ranked contender for the title ... Won the New England title in his home state of New Hampshire in February, defeating Fred Sampson for the belt ... Retained the belt over Sampson in a wild ladder match in June ... Defeated Antonio Thomas last

September, shortly after his Chaotic Wrestling debut ... Has also seen action in New England Championship Wrestling ... Throws a wicked superkick.

349 JAKE CRIST (5'6", 178, 5, 377) One-half of The Irish Airborne, along with his brother, Dave ... Competes regularly for Ring of Honor, Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling, and the Heartland Wrestling Association ... The Irish Airborne became three-time HWA tag team champions in October 2006 ... Jake won individual gold in Buckeye Pro Wrestling, capturing the BPW heavyweight title in the fall of 2006 ... Also feuded with Shark Boy and Cody Hawk for the BPW tag team title ... Fired manager Brock Guffman, much to the delight of the fans of the HWA ... Heavily influenced by the Japanese style of wrestling.

350 MADMAN PONDO (5'10", 230, 18, NL) Founding father of the IWA East Coast chapter, this legendary hardcore wrestler has spilled his blood all over the globe ... He and Ian Rotten had a five-month reign as IWA Mid-South tag team champions in 2006 ... Tours the country with The Insane Clown Posse's JCW ... Faced off against Keiji Muto in March ... Teams with Necro Butcher in Florida's FIP ... The duo was bested by The Briscoe Brothers in April ... Divides his time among U.S. hardcore independents and Big Japan Wrestling ... Got the best of Juggulator in their bloody feud this past spring ... Loves to whack his opponents with a stop sign.

351 CHARLES EVANS (6'1", 240, 3, NL) "The Hammer" might just have the hardest head in wrestling today ... Debuted in Ohio Valley Wrestling as Kenny Bolin's handpicked head of security ... Won the OVW TV title twice in 2006, once against Seth Skyfire and once against Devin Driscoll ... Formed a tag team with Justin "The Ox" LaRoche in December 2006 ... Biggest win of the past year was an upset over Rene Dupree in January 2007 ... Runner-up to The Boogeyman for *PWI* 2006 Rookie of the Year honors ... Weakens opponents with a series of headbutts before ending the match with a backbreaker.

352 BAD BONES (5'9", 238, 3, NL) Stout heavyweight from Bitburg, Germany, is not a man to be trifled with ... His short-fused temper has earned him the nickname the "German Psycho" ... Saw action in England, France, Austria, Holland, Germany, Switzerland, and as far away as Cameroon in western Africa this year ... Has reigned as ICWA (France) European champion since October 2006 ... Holds the FSF tag team title with Steve Douglas ... Beat Japanese stars Go Shiozaki and Atsushi Aoki in the past year ... Calls his devastating piledriver variation the "Shadow Driver."

353 JOHN SAXON (6'2", 245, 20, NL) The "Old-School Assassin" of the Gulf Coast independent scene ... Mentor of rising star Mercury McCloud ... McCloud tried a little role reversal with his teacher and injured Saxon's arm in October 2006 ... Escorted to the ring by his wife, the "Irresistible" Danielle ... In hot pursuit of the Ultimate Wrestling heavyweight title held by the massive Kornbred ... Also competes for All Pro Wrestling, Old School Wrestling, and NWA New South ... Defeated Adrian Whisper for the XIW heavyweight title in 2006 ... His pet move is known as "School's Out."

354 PELLE PRIMEAU (5'4", 135, 2, NL) The quintessential underdog of Ring of Honor, what Primeau lacks in size, he more than made up for in heart ... Feuded with Shane Hagadorn, Adam Pearce, and Jimmy Rave during the past year ... Scored huge upset victories over Rave and Tank Toland, which resulted in Pelle being crowd-surfed throughout the venues ... Finally defeated archrival Shane Hagadorn in April for the Top of the Class trophy ... Made multiple appearances in CHIKARA this year, battling The

Colony and Maxime Boyer ... Competed against Dragon Gate standout YAMATO in a dojo vs. dojo exhibition bout in Detroit ... Known for his various head-scissors takeovers, along with his finisher, the flying Ace crusher.

355 EL BLAZER (5'5", 156, 4, NL) Arguably the most inventive high-flyer active today ... Also wrestles under the names AHll and Yoshitsune ... On an impressive winning streak in his home promotion of Michinoku Pro, where he landed not long after graduating from Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Wrestled as a mini during his training days in Mexico ... Easy to spot in his bold blue and gold mask, often adorned with feathers ... Also competes for El Dorado and Hustle from time to

for his third CZW heavyweight championship in July ... Also carries the promotion's tag team championship with Sabian, a fellow member of the Blackout faction ... The duo also wears the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team belts ... Was featured in Wrestling Society X, where he teamed with Babi Slymm ... Baltimore native was once a backyard wrestler ... Now claims to reside in "Chocolate City" ... Calls his sit-out suplex slam finisher the "Hate Crime."

358 ANTONIO THOMAS (6'1", 227, 6, 311) Rose to fame over the past few years as one of The Heartthrobs on the Raw brand ... Has been independent since early-2006 ... Usually accompanied to the ring by Talia Madison ... They appeared at TNA's Destination X in March as Christy Hemme's mystery team ... They are called the "Heartbreakers" ... Took impressive wins over Claudio Castagnoli, Danny Doring, and former partner Romeo Roselli this year ... Wrestles throughout New England, but also appears with the Pennsylvania-based IWC and Florida's FIP group ... His patented "Broken Promise" is a reverse spinning neckbreaker.

359 GANGER (5'6", 205, 2, NL) Heartland Wrestling Association mainstay enjoyed a lengthy reign as HWA TV champion from November 2006 to May 2007 ... Lost the title to Quinten Lee for just two weeks before winning it back to begin his second reign ... Fans love to get under his skin by calling

him "Shrek" ... This became even more of a problem after he lost the first-ever "Shrek Mask On A Pole" match and was forced to wear a Shrek mask to the ring for 30 days ... Managed by the illustrious Brock Guffman ... Ganger's one and only guest appearance at the HWA broadcast table ended up on the cutting room floor after his comments reached Don Imus-like levels.

360 BXB HULK (5'9", 175, 2, NL) Rising rookie sensation of Japan's Dragon Gate promotion had a solid year ... Part of the New Hazard stable ... Began teaming with Cyber Kong in the spring of this year ... In May, Hulk, Kong, and Shingo Takagi won the Open the Triangle Gate trios titles from CIMA, Ryo Saito, and Susumu Yokosuka ... The team made a successful defense of the title at Kobe World Hall against Naruki Doi, Masato Yoshino, and Magnitude Kishiwada in July ... His trademark "BxB Smash" is a cross-armed facecrusher.

361 DRU ONYX (6'2", 325, 8, NL) The current NWA North American champion captured the title in Florida back in April of last year and has been on a tear ever since ... Made successful defenses of the title in the U.K. as well as all over America ... Feuding with The Twin Terrors, sometimes enlisting the aid of Tank ... Impressive international resume includes reigns as the NWA British Commonwealth and NWA Quebec champion ... Now serves as head trainer at the NWA Torture Chamber wrestling school in Quebec, Canada ... The "Bajan Death Drop," an Ace crusher variation, is his signature move.

362 CHRIS KOLE (5'10", 253, 7, NL) Primarily plies his trade throughout Ohio these days, but he is a world-traveled competitor who has competed in South Korea, Japan, and Europe ... Currently the Mega Championship Wrestling U.S. champion ... Also competes in Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling, where he was engaged in a bloody feud with Conrad Kennedy III, culminating in a wild last-man-standing match ... Current Black Diamond Wrestling Royal 8 tournament champion ... A former IZW tag team champion with Jack Bull ... Powerful heavyweight knows how to use his considerable size to his advantage.

363 SHANE HAGADORN (5'11", 200, 3, NL) One of the original five graduates of the Ring of Honor training school, he won the "Top Of The Class" trophy at the beginning of the year, naming him the best of all ROH trainees ... Made an impact in ROH this year by becoming Adam Pearce's "personal manservant" and donning a set of brass knuckles to help him to victory ... Feuded throughout the year with Pelle Primeau, culminating in Primeau claiming the "Top Of The Class" trophy ... Suffered a serious shoulder injury in May, putting him on the sidelines for the end of our grading period ... Likes to utilize his "Crossface Takeover" finisher.

364 KORBRED (6'7", 300, 7, NL) Strapping farm boy is the heavyweight champion of Ultimate Wrestling, where fans know him as a gentle giant ... Wears overalls to the ring ... Spent most of the year feuding with Sirius LaVey over the Dirty South Pro Wrestling heavyweight title ... Sometimes teams with Jerry Reiner, who lends his veteran voice to the team ... Found a board on his farm and now brings it to the ring as his "manager," Plank ... Claims to be the son of Hillbilly Jim ... His trademark maneuver, the "Kornholio Slam," is a sit-down version of the Rock bottom.

365 SEXXXY EDDY (6'1", 195, 8, 402) Extrovert ex-stripper is at home in the Canadian International Wrestling Syndicate promotion ... Enjoyed a two-month reign as CZW junior heavyweight champion last summer ... A four-time former IWS heavyweight champion ... He and The Green Phantom lost the IWS tag team title to The Hardcore

Ninjaz in April ... In a bizarre twist, he replaced sometimes-partner LuFisto in IWA Mid-South's Queen of the Death Matches tournament, before facing elimination from Mayumi Ozaki ... Not as active in the States as he was a year ago, he has confined his activities largely to the Canadian circuit ... A graceful high-flyer, he sometimes dons a garbage can and moon-saults onto his opponents.

366 TIGRE METALICO (5'8", 194, 5, 363) High-flying tecnico of CMLL has tried to re-invent himself this year, sometimes going simply by "Metalico" ... Had a career-threatening injury last year when he hit the floor attempting an Asai moonsault, and split his head wide open ... Returned to the ring in just four months ... Often teams with Tigre Blanco as Los Tigres del Ring for tag team matches, and he's joined other feline luchadores such as Leonio and Felino for trios action this year ... Los Tigres have been having a hard time this year with the Japanese contingent of Okumura, Ohara, and Hirooki Goto.

367 DANSHOKU DINO (5'7", 190, 4, NL) One of the most perverse wrestlers active today, Dino's antics have caused riots in his native Japan as

IWC to Florida's FIP ... Born in Manila, Philippines, he trained in the U.S. as a teenager ... Extensively toured Japan as part of the DDT promotion in the summer of 2006 ... Formed a bond with former rival Jason Gory, and the two began teaming together as Babyface Fire ... With Gory, captured the IWC tag team title this past December, surviving a four-way elimination match ... Defeated Ruckus and Hentai at Super Indy VI before falling to Larry Sweeney in the final ... A regular in Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling, where he teams with Hentai ... Finishes opponents with a snapmare driver called "From Lust To Dust."

369 FRANK PARKER (6'3", 295, 14, 454) Frank "The Tank" had an incredible year, winning 38 straight matches from November 2006 through May 2007 ... Simultaneously held seven heavyweight titles throughout Virginia, West Virginia, and North Carolina ... Beat Tracy Smothers for the AWF heavyweight title in January ... Won the ASCW title from The Barbarian in February ... Cleanly beat Bobby Eaton in April ... Garnering a reputation on the Mid-Atlantic circuit as

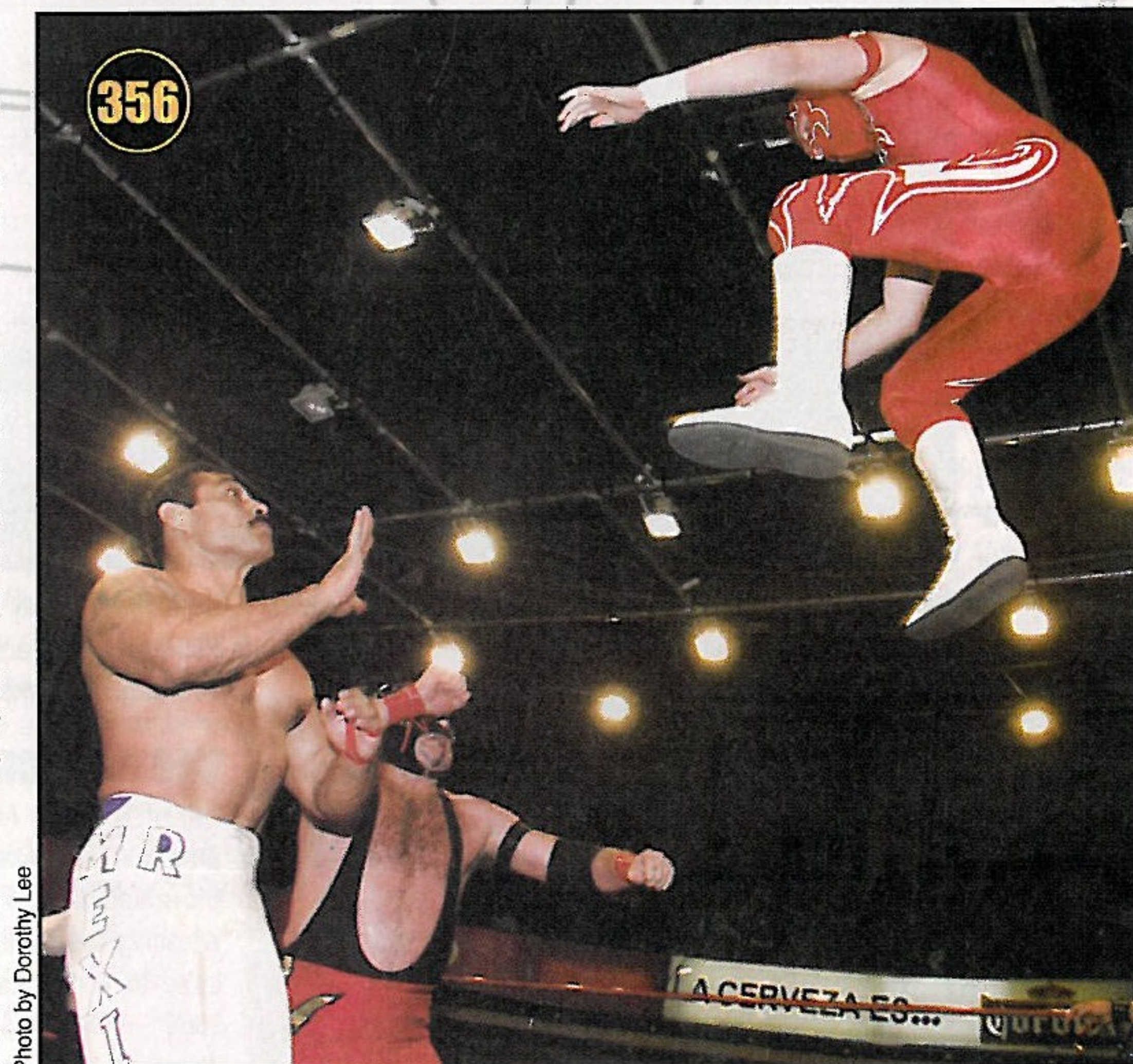
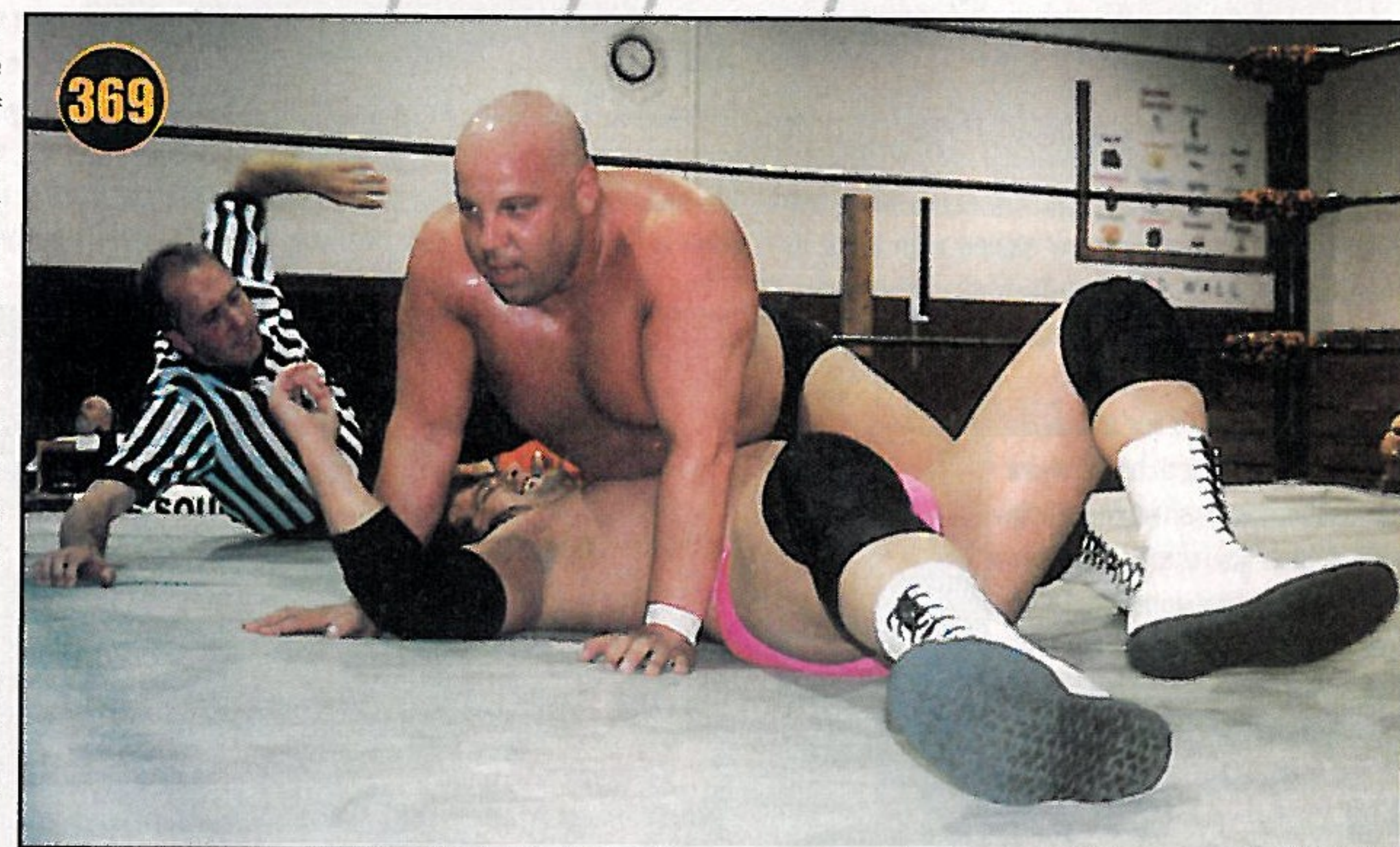


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well as in Mexico and the United States ... Randomly kisses male fans at ringside, and isn't afraid to grope his opponents either ... Mainstay of Japan's DDT group, he is—inexplicably—the group's most popular wrestler ... Teamed with Masamune and American Balloon for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February and they were eliminated in the first round ... Teamed with NOAH's Naomichi Marufuji in April to beat KUDO and Muscle Sakai ... His finisher involves sticking his opponent's head into his trunks, and then piledriving him.

368 SHIIMA XION (5'9", 170, 3, NL) The self-proclaimed "Future Of Fashion" has had a breakout year everywhere from the Pennsylvania-based

something of a legend-killer, especially after leaving Ronnie Garvin unconscious ... Calls his version of the TKO the "Facelift."

370 CHAD PARHAM (6'1", 212, 7, NL) Journeymen wrestler of the Georgia independents has had a terrific year thus far in 2007 ... Captured the NWA Anarchy championship from Slim J in January ... Added the NWA Anarchy TV title in March ... Advanced over Damian Wayne in the NWA heavyweight title tournament in May ... Lost the NWA Anarchy title to Ace Rockwell in July ... Also a two-time former NWA Wildside tag champ, when he went by the name "Gabriel" ... Pet move is called "Cradle To The Grave."

371 JON MOXLEY (6'3", 240, 3, 447) Following his loss of the HWA heavyweight title to Chad Collyer in September 2006, Moxley headed to IWA Puerto Rico and won the IWA tag team title with Hade Vansen ... Returned to the HWA in December 2006 and briefly captured the HWA heavyweight title for a second time ... Moxley gave Val Venis a tough bout on *WWE Heat* in January 2007 ... Partnership with Abyss ended with disastrous results ... Currently teaming up with his mentor and former rival, Cody Hawk.

372 STERLING JAMES KEENAN (6'1", 220, 7, 302) The man behind "Iron City Hardcore" is still a top star in England's 1PW promotion, where he has been almost unstoppable ... Currently feuding with 1PW champion Ulf Herman, while the status of Sterling's 1PW alliance with Abyss remains very much in question ... Debuted for Big Japan Pro Wrestling last May ... Competed on an episode of *Velocity* in the summer of 2006 shortly after a week-long evaluation in Ohio Valley Wrestling ... Defeated Larry Sweeney, Delirious, and Senshi in pursuit of the IWC heavyweight title before losing to Brent Albright ... Trademark maneuver is the "MK Ultra."

373 ROBERT ANTHONY (6'3", 220, 6, 495) After working under a mask for years as Egotistico Fantastico, Anthony signed with WWE in November 2006 and was assigned to the ill-fated Deep South Wrestling developmental camp ... Has since relocated for action in Florida ... Started his run in Florida Championship Wrestling with a loss to former partner Johnny Curtis in June ... One-time holder of the 3XW heavyweight title ... Known for his lethal reverse tombstone.

374 JUSTICE PAIN (5'9", 220, 8, 415) Franchise player of Philadelphia's Combat Zone Wrestling, he reigned as heavyweight champion there for over seven months ... Fifth reign started with a victory over Eddie Kingston in December 2006 ... Has also held the CZW tag team title on three occasions ... The "Ultraviolent All-Star" and his brother, Nick Gage, are collectively known as The H8 Club ... Has also wrestled for XPW and Big Japan ... Delivers chairshots like few others ... Signature move is the "Pain Thriller," which is similar to the Angle slam.

375 NAVAJO WARRIOR (6'2", 267, 16, NL) Has been active across the United States and overseas during the past year ... Traveled to Korea and Japan to entertain the troops ... Captured the World Pro Wrestling American championship ... Sometimes teams with "Hawaiian Lion" John Williams ... The two had a tough time with WWE duo The Highlanders in March ... Competes regularly for Impact Zone Wrestling, the American Wrestling Association, and Rising Phoenix Wrestling ... Arizona native likes to finish his matches with a Death Valley driver.

376 RHETT TITUS (6'2", 217, 2, NL) Titus has found much success in Ring of Honor since proclaiming himself the "Sexiest Man Alive" ... Competes in a wide array of Northeastern promotions ... Put forth a very strong performance in the fifth annual CHIKARA Young Lions Cup this past June, in which he advanced to semifinal competition before being eliminated ... Also spent time as a part of the Prime Time Players in WXW, feuding with Team Xtreme ... Competitors in the ring with Titus should beware of an effective frog splash, lethal dropkick, and devastating lariat ... Just 19 years old.

377 YOSHIAKI YAGO (6'2", 229, 3, 403) Up-and-comer is a product of TAKA Michinoku's Kaientai Dojo ... Spent years as a kickboxer and karate teacher before turning pro wrestler ... Returned to U.S. competition in February of this year, teaming up with fellow

Japanese independents MIYAWAKI and KUDO for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament ... The trio advanced all the way to the tournament final before falling to Jigsaw, Shane Storm, and Mike Quackenbush ... Incredible striker who throws precision kicks and heart punches with blinding speed ... Uses a dragon suplex as his finisher.

378 JOSH PROHIBITION (6', 200, 6, NL) Won the UWA Hardcore Canadian championship from Matt Cross at the end of 2006, and has reigned supreme over the Canadian promotion ever since ... Has made successful title defenses against Chris Sabin, Dan Paysan, Kazuchika Okada, Alex Shelley, and Sonjay Dutt ... Still wrestles for Cleveland All Pro Wrestling from time to time ... Rose to fame as the perennial rival of Matt Cross (M-Dogg 20) ... A two-time former lightweight champion in Canada ... Has really developed his mat game over the past year or two and became a well-rounded athlete ... Destroys his opponents with a wild T-bone suplex.

379 CHANCE PROPHET (6'3", 241, 7, NL) Recently returning from being sidelined with a torn meniscus, this longtime NWA competitor spends most of his time in Kentucky, Ohio, and the Carolinas ... Won both the Gen-X Wrestling heavyweight title and Mad Pro Wrestling's MX title since his return ... On the losing end of an ongoing feud with Dr. Tom Prichard, thanks in part to trainer "Adorable" Danny Ray turning against him to "teach him a lesson in respect" ... Had a hard-hitting match with Nigel McGuinness in NWA Bluegrass ... Lost to Matt Stryker in a tournament to crown the first MPW heavyweight champion ... Competed for Ring of Honor last year.

380 ARIK CANNON (5'8", 215, 6, 265) "The Anarchist" wrestled in the short-lived Wrestling Society X ... Won CHIKARA's 2006 Young Lions Cup tournament by defeating Cheech ... Also won the 2006 Mercury 1 Wrestling Midwest Cup ... Made the final of the 2006 IWA Mid-South Ted Petty Invitational, but lost to Low-Ki ... Participated in the "UWA vs. Toryumon" weekend in Toronto, facing Hiromi Horiguchi and Amigo Suzuki ... Scored a huge win over Joey Mercury in May ... Trained under mat master Skayde ... Style is heavily influenced by puroresu and lucha libre ... Finisher is the "Glimmering Warlock," a shining enzuigiri.

381 SIRUS LaVEY (6'2", 220, 12, NL) The reigning Dirty South Pro Wrestling heavyweight champion ... Has been feuding with Jerry Reiner and gentle giant Kornbred for months ... Goes by the nickname "Mr. Omega" ... Managed by his sexy "plaything," Lady Vain ... Hails from Groom Lake, Nevada (Area 51) ... Seems to enjoy taking out his aggression on Ultimate Wrestling's commentator The Snowman ... Split with Alternate Reality partner Mercury McCloud ... Uses a reverse swinging DDT called the "Switch" as his finishing maneuver.

382 DAMIEN WAYNE (5'10", 220, 5, NL) After racking up a series of regional belts, Wayne earned himself the nickname "Mr. Mid-Atlantic" ... The Suffolk, Virginia, native finally ended his long feud with Sean Denny this year in a grueling iron man match ... Lost to Chad Parham in the NWA heavyweight title tournament ... A two-time former NWA Virginia heavyweight champion ... Tried out for Ring of Honor in June, defeating Rex Sterling in a pre-show bout ... Has made several appearances for FIP in Florida, working his way into contention for the FIP Heritage title ... Was unsuccessful in his *WWE Heat* debut ... Puts his opponents down for the count with his vicious second-rope piledriver.

383 KID MIKAZE (5'6", 175, 6, NL) New England independent has achieved his greatest success in Massachusetts-based Chaotic Wrestling ... Won the Chaotic tag team title with Jason Blade in October 2006 ... Lost them to Max Bauer and Alex Arion the following March ... Failed in bid to unseat Chaotic heavyweight champion Brian Milonas in their April title bout ... Currently reigns as the Defiant Pro Wrestling cruiserweight champion, and made his first successful defense of the belt over Frankie Arion in April ... His reverse shooting star press has been dubbed the "Perfect Weapon," an apt name for such an incredible move.

384 DAN PAYSAN (5'10", 189, 7, 472) Italian expatriate plies his trade in the Canadian independents ... Won the IWS Canadian title from Jagged in December 2006 ... Went on to make successful defenses against Sexxy Eddy and Stupified, among others, in 2007 ... Also reigned as the BSE heavyweight champion before losing the title to Ash in June ... Held the NCW Inter-Cities title for three months before Samson unseated him for it in March ... Competed in CHIKARA's fourth annual Young Lions Cup ... Took his biggest career win, defending his CWR junior heavyweight title against Petey Williams in April ... Likes to punish his foes with the "Bada Bing Backbreaker."

385 CHRISTIAN YORK (5'11", 218, 11, NL) The reigning KYDA heavyweight champion is back on the independents, after laying off for a spell to heal old injuries ... Feuding with number-one contender John Kermion ... After several bloody encounters, York tri-

umphed in a streetfight ... Lost to Mike Mizanin in a May episode of *Smackdown* ... Didn't fare any better in June against Chuck Palumbo on *Heat* ... The former partner of Joey Mercury has twice won the Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup in Maryland ... Has a solid frog splash in his arsenal.

386 RICOCHET (5'10", 174, 3, NL) Mind-boggling aerialist from Paducah, Kentucky, has become a real hot property on the independents ... First rose to prominence at IWA Mid-South, feuding with Chuck



Taylor ... Their rivalry has spilled over to CHIKARA and CZW ... A fearless high-flyer, he is the first person of record to execute a double-moonsault press, consisting of two revolutions instead of the usual one ... Came close to beating Claudio Castagnoli in a fantastic match in February ... Advanced all the way to the finals of the fifth annual Young Lions Cup at CHIKARA in June, but Taylor beat him for the trophy in the end ... Uses a standing shooting star press to finish his matches.

387 ALAN WASYLYCHYN (5'9", 180, 2, NL) California native is best known for his work in Ohio's Heartland Wrestling Association ... Along with his tag team partner, Aaron Williams, became HWA tag team champions for the first time in July 2006 ... Alan and Aaron, collectively known as The Mavericks, were in heated rivalries with Foreign Intelligence and The Irish Airborne for the better part of the year ... In March, The Mavericks and The Irish Airborne headlined the HWA's second online pay-per-view, "CyberClash 2.0," in a brutal ladder match ... Managed by the illustrious Brock Guffman ... Executes an amazing frog splash that usually spells the end for his opponents.

388 ROB ECKOS (5'10", 195, 7, NL) Mainstay of Delaware's East Coast Wrestling Association ... Regularly competes for National Wrestling Superstars in New Jersey ... Briefly teamed with Trent Acid in

NWS for its annual tag team tournament ... They lost in the February final to The Sychadelic Sissies ... Forms The Valedictorians tag team with partner Billy Bax, and the two held the ECWA tag belts until January of this year ... The Valedictorians also reigned as ECWA tag champs back in 2003 ... Patched up differences with kid brother Dan after an ugly falling-out ... Still feuding with Sean Royal ...

Pays homage to Shawn Michaels with his great-looking superkick.

389 LA SOMBRA (5'7", 177, 4, NL) Started his career under the name Brillante Jr. before changing to Rey Azteca and then, in 2007, to La Sombra ... Won the mask of Kamorra earlier this year, in a *lucha de apuesta* ... Scored his biggest career win teaming with Mistico in the Gran Alternativa tournament in June, advancing over such teams as Heavy Metal and Super Nova as well as Dr. Wagner Jr. and Mascara Purpura before winning the final over Ultimo Guerrero and Euforia ... Immediately moved up to main events ... Like many luchadores, he can execute the 619 with ease.

390 SCOT SUMMERS (5'11", 225, 8, NL) "Showtime" Scot is the first and reigning Anarchy Championship Wrestling heavyweight champion, having captured the belt in January ... Has made successful defenses against such challengers as Nigel McGuinness, Scotty Riggs, Cassandro, and Jerry Lynn ... Feuding with former tag partner Mike Dell ... Also holds the American Championship Wrestling Texas title, which he won from Brett Thunder back in December ... Tough, rugged competitor works as a bouncer away from the ring ... Has experience wrestling in Mexico ... His signature "Curtain Call" is a power bomb into a backbreaker.

391 IKUTO HIDAKA (5'8", 189, 9, 79) Red-hot this time last year, the Zero-One Max star has cooled off considerably ... He and Minoru Fujita were the team to beat last year in Japan ... Together, they held the NWA Intercontinental, NWA International lightweight, and the GHC junior tag titles ... Teams less with Fujita these days and more with newcomer THE*ZEST ... In singles, he held the Zero-One International lightweight title before losing it to Takuya Sugawara ... Came close to winning the vacant AWA junior heavyweight title, but was ousted by Dick Togo ... Signature submission hold is Shoichi Funaki's "Shawn Capture" kneebar.

392 TURBO (5'6", 169, 9, 390) High-flying tecnico of the Mexican independents is starting to break out this year ... Had a successful tour of Japan's Dragon Gate promotion ... The Japanese renamed him "Turboman," and he now teams with Turboyan for tag matches ... Colorful luchador has a racecar driver outfit, complete with a helmet-like mask ... His LML feud with Black Thunder spilled over to Dragon Gate, where the two have faced off frequently this summer ... Strings together armdrags and headscissors with uncanny accuracy.

393 RIC CONVERSE (6'1", 225, 8, 423) "The First," as he likes to call himself, had an impressive seven-month reign as AWA heavyweight champion before dropping the title to Steve Corino in January ... Winston-Salem native competes out of CWF Mid-Atlantic ... Successfully defended the AWA championship against former WWE wrestlers Jon Heidenreich and Aaron Aguilera ... Teamed with Xsiris as The New Generation Dynasty to capture the AWA tag team championship in April ... The AWA Board of Directors recently cited Converse and Xsiris as being in violation of their contracts and stripped them of the belts ... "Slick Diddy" calls his finishing move the "Ric-ter Scale" ... Although a barber by trade, likes to sport the bald look.

394 HANGTIME (6'3", 217, 5, NL) Rough-and-tumble North Carolina native played quarterback for several semi-pro football teams before turning to wrestling ... Had a stranglehold on the Ring Wars Carolina heavyweight title, reigning as champion for a record 21 months ... Retired Eddie Brown and won the RWC TV title all in one match, on March 17 ... Had to vacate the TV title in May due to the

promotion's policy barring double champions ... Won the CWE tag team title with Tracy Gilbert in December 2006 ... Three-year feud with Aaron Devil continues.

395 LINCÉ DORADO (5'6", 167, 1, NL) The "Golden Lynx" of Juarez, Mexico, has had a tremendous 2007, making a name for himself in the U.S. ... Teamed with mentor El Pantera and Sicoladico Jr. for February's King of Trios tournament, and they lasted all the way to the semifinal round ... Returned in April and made it to the final of the Rey de Voladores tournament before losing to Chuck Taylor ... Drew the ire of Mitch Ryder in the spring and wound up in a heated feud ... Fared well in the 2007 edition of the Young Lions Cup ... Has an array of incredible flying moves at his disposal, including a shooting star senton.

396 AARON EPIC (5'11", 192, 6, NL) Held the FFWA Florida title for a solid year, defending it against Delirious, Joey Ryan, Luke Hawx, and others ... Finished second in this year's Best of the Southern Juniors round-robin tournament ... Currently feuding with Chasyn Rance in CCW ... Teams with Jerrelle Clark as The A-Team, managed by former wrestler Evan Starsmore ... Took Erick Stevens to a 30-minute draw in Southern Championship Wrestling ... The reigning SCW Florida champ, he's the top-ranked contender to the SCW heavyweight title ... His finisher, the "Epidemic," is devastating.



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397 FRANKY THE MOBSTER (6'2", 220, 11, NL) Intimidating heavyweight from the Canadian independents is one of the circuit's most powerful athletes ... Frequent tag team partner of Kevin Steen and Chakal ... Made his Pro Wrestling Guerrilla debut at the close of 2006 ... Teamed with Steen in a losing effort against Arrogance in March ... Often raises eyebrows with his profanity-laced interviews ... Made his return to IWS in June after a long absence, coming to the aid of Steen and Viking ... Also competes for Blood, Sweat, and Ears, where he's chasing current heavyweight champ Brian Ash ... Montreal native gets the most out of even basic moves, wrecking his opponents with big boots and lariats.

398 TOMMY VANDAL (6', 225, 8, NL) Trained by Rusty Brooks and Billy Fives, Vandal has worked for several promotions across the Carolinas and Florida ... Debuted for WCEW in January, where he remains undefeated ... Won the vacant WCEW extreme title in his January debut ... Has successfully defended the title against Tito Rain, Billy Blade, and Ostgard thus far ... A former NWA Florida tag team champion with brother Ricky ... Also a former FOW lightweight champion ... Feuding with little brother Johnny Vandal throughout Florida ... Calls his fans the "V-Unit Soldiers."

399 ULTRAMANTIS BLACK (6', 206, 5, NL) Leader of the creepy Order of the Neo Solar Temple stable is at home in the weird world of CHIKARA ... Regularly teams with his "mini-monster," Hydra, and the powerful Crossbones ... The threesome took part in the first annual King of Trios tournament back in February ... His stable has racked up impressive wins over teams from various promotions every month thus far in 2007 ... Wrestles barefoot, but with a sparkly insect mask ... Lends his managerial insight to several independent tag teams ... His "Praying Mantis Bomb" drops opponents right on their heads.

400 RICKY LANDELL (6'1", 221, 4, NL) The reigning AWA/Zero-One Max U.S. champion ... Drafted into Steve Corino's Extreme Horsemen group with C.W. Anderson and Simon Diamond ... He and Corino were AWA tag champions until March of this year when the duo was defeated by Xsiris and Ric Converse ... Regained the tag title with Jonnie Stewart as his partner in June, but they were immediately beaten by The Patriot and Buff Bagwell ... Now setting his sights on the AWA heavyweight title.

401 THE GREAT SASUKE (5'8", 180, 17, 292) "Senator" Sasuke can now be found in the halls of the Japanese Diet as often as he's flying around the rings of Michinoku Pro, the northeastern independent company he founded back in 1993 ... His wrestling career has really slowed down over the past 18 months, during which time he unsuccessfully ran for the governorship of Iwate ... Held the Tohoku tag title with Dick Togo in 2005 ... Won a tough match over proteges Shu and Kei Sato in March ... He and new partner Rasse lost in their first outing to Togo and Masao Orihara ... Favorite finishers include the "Royal Octopus" and the "Thunder Fire Bomb."

402 THE STRO (6'1", 250, 19, 461) The "Maestro Of Wrestling" once competed under the name Gorgeous George III ... Currently reigns as champion of ACPW and MDW ... Captured his second ACPW title with a victory over Dave Renegade and has been defending the belt throughout North Carolina ... Sometimes escorted to the ring by Lady Amazon ... Had a bloody chain match with Ivan Koloff this past year ... Feuding with The Barbarian, Hangtime, and Cold Cash D ... A regular with NWA Mountain State ... Calls his variation of the STF submission hold, "The Encore."

403 TRENT ACID (5'10", 195, 12, 416) Former Backseat Boy found success as a singles wrestler this year, capturing heavyweight gold in his home promotion of PWU ... Also toured with The Insane Clown Posse's JCW group ... Represented PWU in the King of Europe Cup, ousting British high-flyer Pac in the opening round ... Spent a good portion of the year chasing Devon Moore and his PWU heavyweight title ... Still teams with Johnny Kashmere from time to time ... Acquired the nickname "Holy Trent" this past year.

404 FREAK NASTTY (6', 220, 4, 438) Wilmington, Delaware, native held the ECWA heavyweight championship for nearly 14 months before losing it to Aden Chambers in a four-way match in March ... Spent much of the past year embroiled in a bitter feud with Cheetah Master, who cost him the title when he attacked Nastty and then put Chambers on top of him for the cover ... Nastty was fired from the promotion for attacking an official for refusing to grant him a match against Cheetah Master ... Was reinstated in June after being allowed to substitute for an injured Andrew

Ryker as Chase Del Monte's partner in a match against Cheetah Master and Ace Darling ... Tremendously popular among ECWA fans.

405 SCOTT ZENZEN (6'1", 235, 6, NL) Former postal worker is now the longest-reigning Texas All-Star Wrestling heavyweight champion in that promotion's 14-year history ... Fought off challenges from longtime rivals Bubba Lee Travis, Bobby 2 Badd, Voodoo, and Nick Daniels ... In February, he battled his toughest opponent to date, TNA superstar Samoa Joe ... Recently added what he calls the "Delivery Confirmation," a variation of the Boston crab, to his ever-changing arsenal of offensive moves.

406 KIMERA (6'6", 276, 4, NL) Known as the "Mauler From Motown," this Detroit native has left a trail of broken bodies to back up that nickname ... Has been in hot pursuit of the HWA heavyweight title for the better part of the year ... Made a dangerous enemy in Ala Hussein this year ... Managed by his girlfriend, Mary Elizabeth, a young lady who is not afraid to get physically involved in a match if needed ... A former HWA tag team champion ... Likes to mow down the competition with his version of the spear, known as the "D -Train."

407 RED ANDERSON (6', 230, 15, NL) Took the nickname "Enforcer," claiming to be

the nephew of Arn and Ole Anderson ... He certainly bears a resemblance to them ... Current general manager for Ultimate Wrestling, he is active both in the ring and behind the scenes ... Hasn't lived down losing a series of loser-wears-a-dress matches in the now-defunct Pensacola Wrestling Alliance ... Off-again, on-again rival of Bobby Doll ... Doesn't always see eye-to-eye with Ultimate Wrestling CEO Alexander Hearse III ... He brutalized Hearse in June ... Uses a spinebuster to finish off opponents.

408 HIROMI HORIGUCHI (5'10", 176, 3, NL) Breakout star of the current class of trainees from Ultimo Dragon's Mexico-based Toryumon gym, Horiguchi is poised to become a major star in the next couple of years ... Native of Kumamoto City is always decked out in red ring gear ... Started wrestling regularly with CMLL in April ... Defeated American independent Arik Cannon while on a U.S. tour ... The following night, he won the UWA Hardcore lightweight title from Lionel Knight in Ontario and took the title back to Mexico ... His "Hiromi Buster" is an air raid crash onto the knee.

409 RICK FULLER (6'6", 300, 15, NL) The reigning Top Rope Promotions heavyweight champion captured the title from Jay Jaillett in a lumberjack match in Fall River, Massachusetts, back in April ... Defended the title against B.K. Jordan in a violent no-DQ match in June ... Also competes for Big Time Wrestling and Showcase Pro Wrestling, two other New England independents ... "Big" Rick feuded with Eddie Edwards earlier in 2007, with Fuller dominating the series ... Used a lumberjack gimmick during his stint in WCW years ago ... His finishing move starts like a chokeslam, but ends in a backbreaker.

410 QUINTEN LEE (6'2", 224, 5, NL) The man HWA fans call "High IQ" recently became the HWA TV champion for a record fourth time, defeating Ganger in May ... Held on to the belt for only a few weeks before Ganger won it back ... Lee and his Foreign Intelligence tag team partner, Ala Hussein, had an amicable split in early-2007, with both men agreeing to focus on singles endeavors ... For years, he was one of the most reviled personalities in the HWA, but that all changed the night Lee publicly fired his longtime manager, Patrick Black ... Claims to be the smartest man in wrestling.



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411 SCORPIO SKY (5'10", 183, 5, 364)

Mainstay of California's Pro Wrestling Guerrilla has experience wrestling in both Mexico and Japan ... Spent his formative years teaming with Quicksilver as The Aerial Xpress ... Wrestled for MTV's short-lived Wrestling Society X ... Took a win over Matt Classic there, but was subsequently defeated by Matt Sydal ... Lost a loser-leaves-PWG match to Frankie Kazarian in early-2007 ... Took time away from wrestling to record his first hip-hop album, *The Crossover*, released in June ... Also competed for the AWS in California ... Finishing move is the "Blackout," an implant DDT.

412 BILLY MAVERICK (6'1", 234, 8, 413)

The reigning Hardcore Championship Wrestling heavyweight champ has had a vice-like grip on the belt since winning it in March 2006 ... Regained the AWA Supreme heavyweight title in December 2006 for an unprecedented fourth time, defeating Robert Royale ... That same month, won the AWA Supreme tag title as well, with partner Eric Draven ... Tried to take over leadership of the Above the Law stable in February, causing the four-man group to split into two separate teams ... Also wrestled for NWA Bluegrass, Ohio Championship Wrestling, United States Wrestling Federation, and New Alliance Wrestling within the past year ... Finishing move is known as the "Peacemaker."

413 JERRELLE CLARK (5'6", 176, 7, 460)

Former TNA star keeps himself busy on the Florida independent scene ... Feuding with Steve Madison in Full Impact Pro, where he's looking to impress Ring of Honor brass ... Had a tough time with rival Chasyn Rance earlier this year in AWA World-1 South ... Spent a little time on the sidelines following a severe back injury in February ... Won the MXPW Florida J-Cup in April, last defeating Jaisón Moore ... Earned the nickname "Mr. 630" for his incredible finisher, the "630 Splash," which brings him crashing down, back first, onto his unfortunate opponents.

414 JASON BLADE (5'11", 192, 3, NL)

Rhode Island native is best known for his body of work with Chaotic Wrestling ... Won the Chaotic Wrestling tag team title with Kid Mikaze in October of last year, defeating Max Bauer and Arch

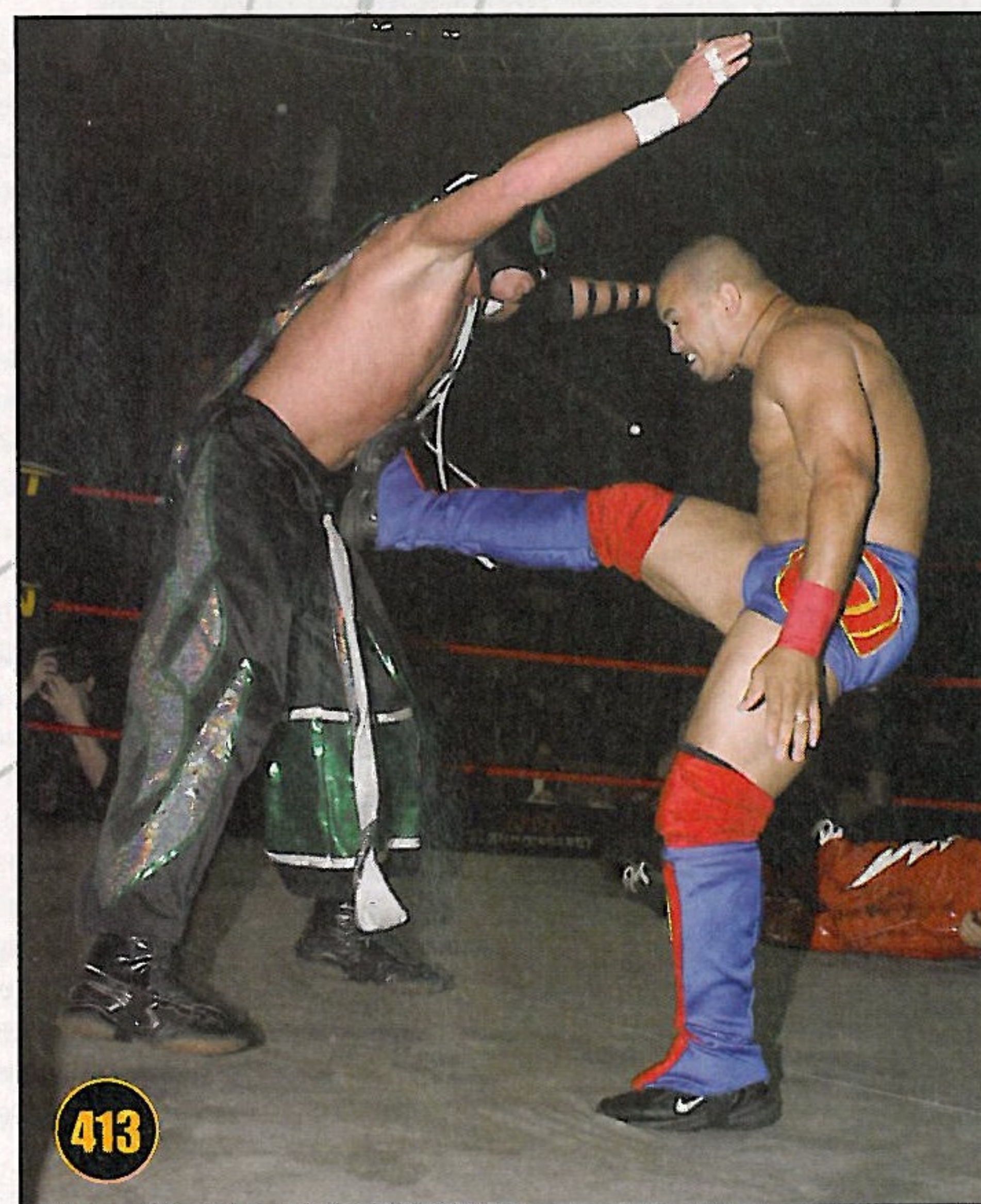
Kincaid ... They held the belts for five months before Max Bauer and new partner Alex Arion unseated them in March ... Appears on New England area Ring of Honor cards, teaming with Eddie Edwards ... Ousted John Walters from NECW in a loser-leaves-NECW bout in March ... Debuted in Florida's FIP in June ... Named his signature move the "Switchblade."

415 SKAYDE (5'7", 174, 22, 385)

Head trainer of Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon gave up his job there to tour with Dragon Gate in Japan this year ... Competed in one of Mexico's most talked-about matches this past year, losing his mask to Mistico in March ... Since losing his mask, he is introduced most places by his given name, Jorge Rivera ... One of Mexico's most respected mat men, he has a virtually limitless number of holds in his repertoire ... Racked up several wins teaming with his protégé, Skyde Jr., in Xalapa ... His "Skyde Especial" is like a backward la magistral cradle.

416 BISHOP (5'9", 220, 8, NL)

The Quebec champion has reigned supreme in Northern Championship Wrestling since May 2006 ... A native of Vienna, Austria, he has made successful defenses of the Quebec title against a who's who of Canadian wrestlers, such as Jake Matthews, Michael Von Payton, and Tank ... Won NCW's December "War Games" event against Dream Killer; the bout featured a host of past NCW champions ... Hurt in the "500" rankings by his lack of diversity; Bishop rarely competes outside his home province ... His finisher is the "V-Shot."



417 BILLY ROC (5'6", 165, 5, NL) "Pure Dynamite" has made his presence known this year, with standout performances in IWA Mid-South, IPW, and CHIKARA ... Classic-style mat technician is well respected for his polite demeanor outside the ring ... Beat D-Von Fury for the IPW Mid-American title in February ... Went on to defeat Chad Collyer for the NWA Indiana State title in March ... Made an impression in the fifth annual Young Lions Cup, advancing over Aaron Draven before losing in a semifinal to Ricochet ... Took an impressive win over Amigo Suzuki of the Toryumon in June ... Fell to Crazy K in the quarterfinals of July's Jeff Peterson Cup ... Signature move is a standing shiranui.

418 DANNY HAVOC (6'1", 170, 2, NL)

Fearless rookie is right at home in the ultraviolent setting of Combat Zone Wrestling ... Competed in the fourth annual Young Lions Cup ... Participated in this year's Tournament of Death in Delaware, ousting Scotty Vortekz before being eliminated by eventual winner Drake Younger in a match in which weed-whackers were legal fare ... Lost a violent singles match with Brain Damage at the New Alhambra in April ... Has a devastating dragon suplex variation at his disposal, and he sometimes locks light tubes—or even a ladder—into the maneuver before launching his opponents.

419 JERRY REINER (6', 200, 15, NL)

The man known as "Mr. Electricity" to Gulf Coast wrestling fans suffered a severe neck injury at the hands of the devious Sirius LaVey in Alabama back in February ... After missing only 90 days, he teamed up with friend Kornbred and gained revenge on LaVey ... Competed for Dirty South Pro Wrestling and the ill-fated Gulf South Wrestling promotion over the past year ... Talented mat man sometimes gets involved in bloody hardcore brawls ... Nagging injuries accumulated over the years have kept him out of title contention ... Has made the shining wizard his signature finishing move.

420 BEEF WELLINGTON (6', 210, 6, NL)

Not to be confused with the Beef Wellington who passed away in June, this is the Beef Wellington of the current-day independent scene in Canada ... Earned a measure of fame by appearing with stateside independents such as CHIKARA, Jersey All-Pro Wrestling, and CZW in recent years ... Took a big win over Giant Tiger at a March ISW event ... Regularly teams with Kid Kamikaze as "Hi-5" ... The partners were unsuccessful in their May title bout for the IWS tag belts opposite The Hardcore Ninjaz ... Actually wins matches by punching his opponents in the rear end.

421 TONY SCARPONE (6'2", 270, 5, NL)

Midwest independent has improved his game this year ... Won the 3XW heavyweight title from Robert Anthony last June and held it for over five months ... Captured the MAW tag team title with Brandon Thomaselli ... Active throughout Iowa and Illinois ... Teamed up with Jerry Lynn to defeat Danny Daniels and Gage Octane ... Took a beating from Jay Ryan during their Texas bullrope match ... Failed in his April bid to capture the AAW title from Marek Brave ... Pet move is the "Fuggeddaboutit" power bomb.

422 ONYX (5'10", 217, 9, NL)

Mainstay of the Georgia independents is a powerful heavyweight and competent mat man ... Best known for his days teaming with Kory "Rainman" Chavis, Onyx has no problem getting things done in singles matches ... Has held the NWA Wildside junior heavyweight, TV, and heavyweight titles before the company became NWA Anarchy ... Spent the majority of 2006 honing his craft in Deep South Wrestling, when it was still a WWE developmental camp ... His finishing move, a wild DDT variation, is called "Blaqout."

423 TOBY KLEIN (6', 220, 5, NL)

"Mr. Insanity" practices his ultra-violent style as a regular competitor in CZW and IWA Mid South ... Won CZW's Iron Man championship from D.J. Hyde in May ... A member of the aptly named Tough Crazy Bastards with partner and former foe Necro Butcher ... Several of Klein's blood-soaked brawls against Butcher are available for download on the Internet ... Don't look for stepover toeholds in those matches ... Do look for tubs of scorpions, shattered light tubes, and Klein catching a computer monitor with his face ... A frequent competitor in the IWA's King of the Death Match and CZW's Tournament of Death.

424 AARON WILLIAMS (6', 185, 5, NL)

"Astonishing" Aaron comprises one-half of The Mavericks along with his tag team partner, Alan Wasylchyn ... The Mavericks enjoyed a three-month reign as HWA tag team champions in the summer of 2006, defeating one of the most dominant teams in HWA history, Foreign Intelligence ... Lost the belts to The Irish Airborne in October ... Often calls upon his knowledge of the martial arts while in the ring ... Showed guts when he competed in a "War Games" cage match in December 2006 against doctor's orders after suffering a severe concussion just weeks before ... Managed by Brock Guffman.

425 DEREK FRAZIER (5'8", 215, 6, 399)

The Baltimore native enjoyed tremendous success in the latter half of 2006, and has had a respectable 2007 thus far ... Won the 2006 Shane Shamrock Memorial Cup to begin his string of victories last year ... Beat archival Ruckus in a ladder match at Combat Zone Wrestling's Chris Cash Memorial Tournament ... Scored an amazing upset over A.J. Styles at a Maryland Championship Wrestling show last

September ... Went on to defeat another rival, Steve Anthony, at an MCW show in late-2006 ... Defeated Alex Shelley to win his second MCW cruiserweight title ... Lost to Josh Daniels in a qualifying match for the 2007 Shane Shamrock Cup ... The facebuster and spinning heel kick are among his most effective impact moves.

426 SETH SHAI (6', 245, 8, 488)

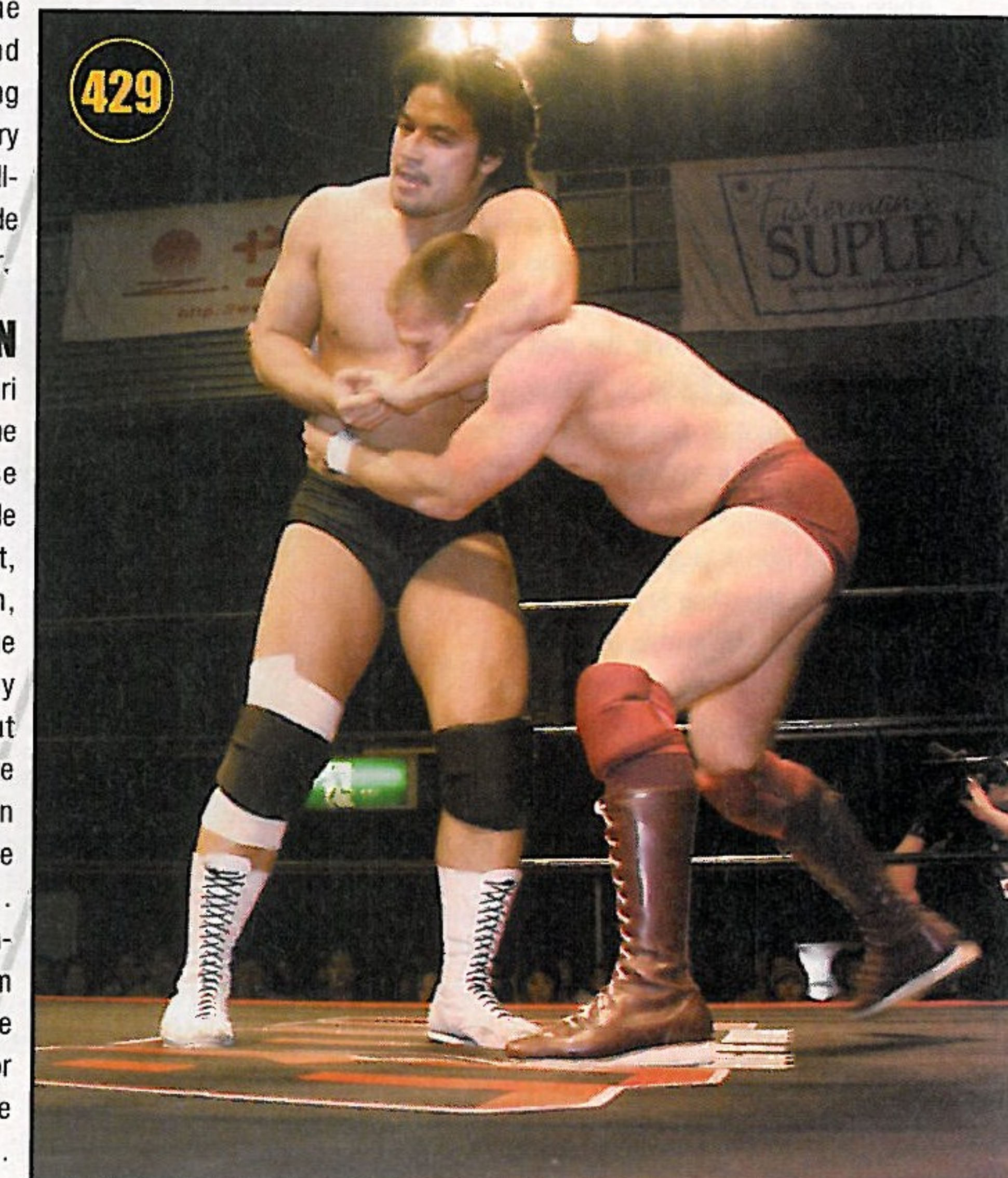
Strapping Texan independent has been working on his mat game ... Forms the Re-Gex tag team with Mace ... Together, they've held a total of 10 separate tag team titles, four of which they won in the past year ... Wrestles for dozens of independent groups throughout Texas, Oklahoma, and Georgia, including XCW ... Wild attitude has earned him the tag of the "Psycho Superstar" ... Born in the Abusir area of Egypt, and spent part of his wrestling career in the African country ... The flying DDT is his calling card, but lately he's made good use of the sharpshooter.

427 ANDY DALTON (5'7", 200, 3, 445)

Missouri native is making waves in the Texas independents these days ... Won the RCW TV title in a one-night tournament, defeating Wally Darkmon, Mike Dell, and Ikaika in June ... Followed up in July by winning the PCW UnCut heavyweight belt from Steve DeMarco ... Defeated Khan for the ACW Texas State championship in January ... Went on a tear in March, winning the PCW UnCut tag team belts with Macho Mike and then, with Joey Spector as his partner, captured the RCW tag title as well ... Broadened his repertoire by adding the superkick and senton to his arsenal.

428 KORY CHAVIS (6'3", 224, 7, NL)

After competing in the southeastern U.S. under the name "Rainman" for years, this talented heavyweight started using his given name a little over a year ago ... Hails from "The Dark City," wherever that might be ... Spent his formative years in NWA Wildside and NWA Anarchy, racking up championship runs as heavyweight champ of both groups ... Along with frequent partner Onyx, briefly held the CZW tag team title at the end of 2006 ... Nicknamed the "Soul Assassin" ... Frequently appears in Florida's FIP promotion, looking for another chance to impress at Ring of Honor, FIP's sister promotion ... Calls his version of the Rydeen bomb the "Spinesplitta."



429 GO SHIOZAKI (6', 220, 3, NL)

Up-and-comer from Pro Wrestling NOAH branched out a bit this year, touring Europe to gain seasoning and experience before returning to his native Japan ... The U.S. could be his next stop ... Making his way through the singles ranks while his mentor and sometimes-partner, Kenta Kobashi, is on the sidelines ... Bounced back nicely from a broken jaw suffered in early-2006 ... Saw trios action this summer alongside Mitsuharu Misawa and Yoshinari Ogawa ... Known for his suplexes, especially the fisherman and German variations.

430 EXCALIBUR (6'2", 189, 7, 334)

Known more for his eloquence on the microphone than his ability to win matches, he has been a part of California independent Pro Wrestling Guerrilla since the beginning ... Turned against former partner Super Dragon and began teaming with Disco Machine and "Mr. Wrestling" Kevin Steen ... Gained fame in CZW with tag team partner Beef Wellington ... Competed in the 2006 edition of CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup ... Commentates on many matches, even his own, for PWG DVDs ... Not as active as he was a year ago, he's been tasked with the odd job of serving as PWG's commissioner of Food & Beverage ... Favorite maneuvers include the tiger driver '98 (double-under-hook piledriver) and the heart punch.

431 MIKE TOBIN (6', 195, 10, NL) ECWA competitor held the promotion's Mid-Atlantic championship for seven months before losing it to Bryan Logan in October 2006 ... One-third of The Chick Magnets, along with partners Mozart Fontaine and Brian Soscia ... The threesome fell into some financial straits, and even had a "tax representative" repossess some of their belongings during an ECWA show ... Tobin is known as the technician of the trio, and pays tribute to Paul Orndorff and Tully Blanchard in some of his signature offense ... The team's finishing move, the "Magnetizer," is reminiscent of The Hart Foundation's "Hart Attack" ... Trained in Dory Funk Jr.'s Funkin' Conservatory.

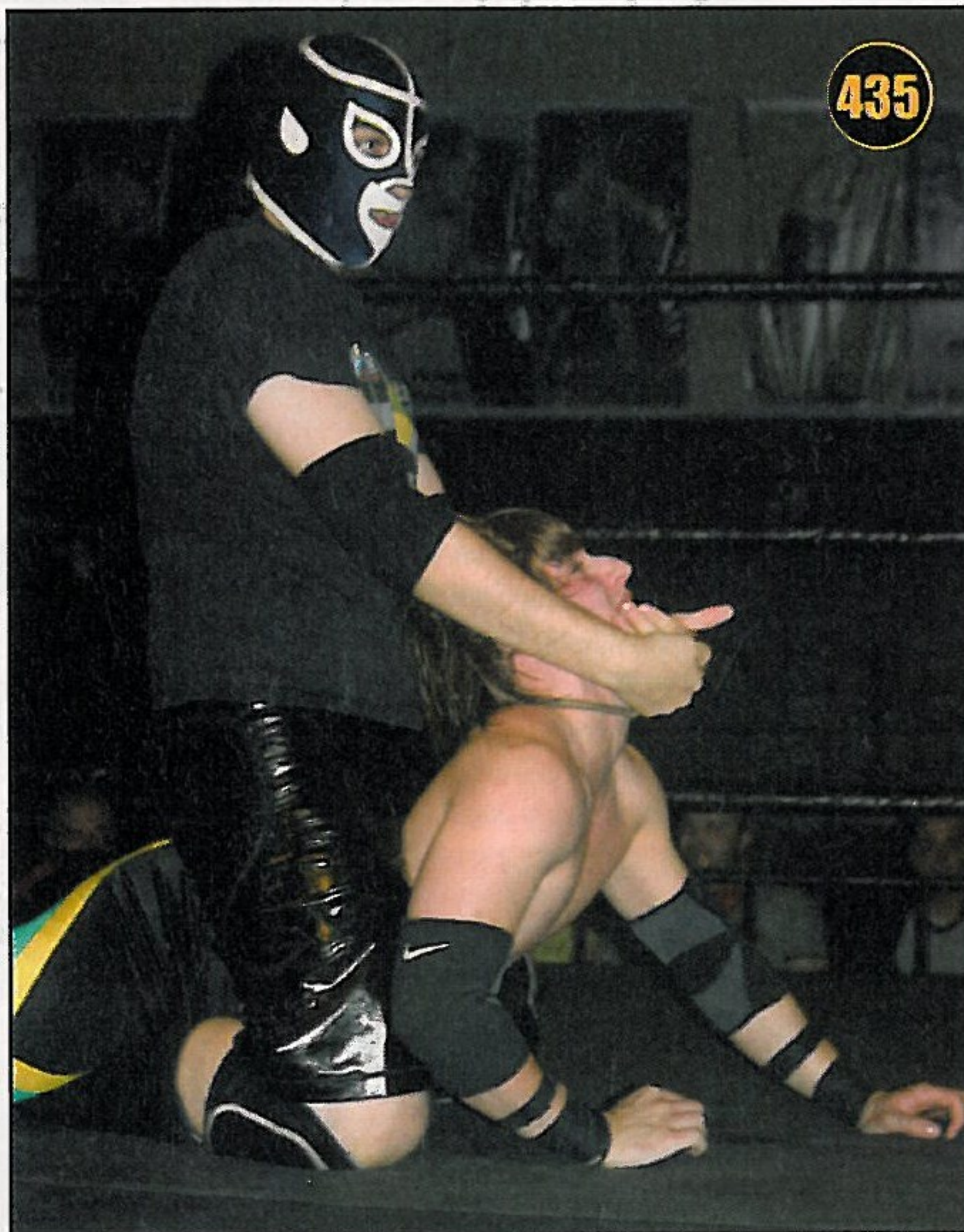
432 ED GONZALES (5'10", 220, 3, NL) Slowly but surely climbing his way up the ladder in the Ohio-based Heartland Wrestling Association over the past year ... Recently has become infatuated with "Hardcore" Heather Owens, one of the HWA's most prominent females ... Along with Jake Simmons, he defeated Cody Hawk and Shark Boy to become the Buckeye Pro Wrestling tag team champions in May ... Ed's idea of training is smoking cigarettes and consuming alcohol and gallons of American Idol Ice Cream ... His finishing move, the devastating "Montezuma's Revenge," always get his foes in the end (pun intended).

433 SHANE STORM (5'9", 223, 3, 329) CHIKARA's resident "traffic regulator" teamed with mentor Mike Quackenbush and partner Jigsaw to win February's giant King of Trios tournament ... Has lost momentum as a singles competitor since vacating the Young Lions Cup last June ... He and Jigsaw came out on the losing end of their March tag title bout against Gran Akuma and Icarus ... Carries a stop sign with him to the ring, which he can use to dictate the pace of a match ... Feud with Mitch Ryder spanned several months in mid-2007 ... Calls his shining wizard finisher "That Japanese Move!"

434 TOMMY END (5'11", 190, 5, NL) The 22-year-old Amsterdam-based cruiserweight is widely known on the European scene for his mix of traditional British style, lucha libre, and an array of martial arts ... Won the WXW (Germany) lightweight tournament, beating Emil Sitoci in the final ... Lost it to Pac in December ... Won a qualifying match over Wesley Croton and Tengkwa to become the Pro Wrestling Holland representative in WXW's 16-Carat Gold tour-

namment ... Holds a victory over Pro Wrestling NOAH rookie sensation Atsushi Aoki ... Likes to end his matches with the "Owari Death Combo #2," an Ace crusher-turned-modified dragon sleeper.

435 PLAYER UNO (5'9", 180, 3, NL) The "8-Bit Luchador" claims to hail from "The Mushroom Kingdom," as his Super Mario Brothers-influenced persona indicates ... Took his biggest career win last June when he captured the IWS Canadian title in a three-way dance that included Kenny the Bastard and Dan Payson last June ... Reigned for three months before losing to



Jagged ... Forms The Super Smash Brothers with Stupified in the Canadian independents ... The duo is chasing the IWS tag titles ... Fared well in the fifth annual CHIKARA Young Lions Cup, beating Niles Young in the first round before being eliminated in the semifinals ... Favors the "M. Bison Stomp" as a finisher.

436 KEN STEEL (6'4", 270, 11, NL) Nicknamed "The Machine," this independent wrestler travels all throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states, but his home base is National Independent Championship Wrestling in Virginia ... Teamed with Damien James to defeat El Scorpiono and Kris James for the NICW tag team title last October, but they lost the belts in mid-2007 ... Beat Scotty Blaze for the NICW heavyweight title in April ... Began teaming with Boris Zhukov in the spring ... The unlikely duo has become quite popular ... Drives his opponents into the mat with his patented "Steel Bomb."

437 CHAKAL (5'11", 225, 10, NL) Technician from the "Great White North" is a star in the Canadian independents, but is a relative unknown in other countries ... Took part in NCW's violent five-on-five "War Games" event at the end of 2006, but was defeated ... Has focused his attention on Bishop throughout 2007, trying to win back the NCW heavyweight title he held over a year ago ... Defeated Jimmy Kraven in Montreal in March ... Teams on and off with fellow Canadian Nightmare ... Inventor of a strange pedigree variation called the "No Show" ... The fisherman buster is his calling card.

438 JAGGED (5'9", 175, 6, 397) Ontario native is one-half of the popular 2.0 tag team with Shane Matthews ... Won the IWS Canadian title in September of last year, and ran with it until Dan Paysan unseated him in December ... With Matthews sidelined for a while, Jagged had to make do on his own in singles competition ... Earned a tryout with Ring of Honor during his singles stint ... Teamed with Matthews and Maxime Boyer for CHIKARA's King of Trios tournament in February, but the trio of Canadians was eliminated in the opening round ... His pet move is known as the "Jagged Edge."

439 DARIN CHILDS (5'10", 235, 8, 470) Bloodthirsty Texan is known for his incredible stamina in death matches ... Competed in both the IWA Mid-South King of the Death-match tournament and the Double Death tournament ... Highlight of the past year was teaming with Jacob Ladder as The Children of Pain to become the first Anarchy Championship Wrestling tag team champions ... The duo has also reigned as Texas Wrestling Entertainment tag champs all year long ... Feuding with Luke Hawx in Atlanta-based Pro Wrestling Evolution ... Accompanied to the ring by Rachel Summerlyn ... Uses a fireman's carry turned Michinoku driver to finish his matches; the move is known as the "Fall From Grace."

440 BRIAN ASH (6'4", 270, 8, 475) Held the 3XW heavyweight title for two months after winning a February tournament final over Devin Carter ... Carter got his revenge in April, beating Ash for the title ... Frequently competes for NWA No Limits and other Iowa-based independent leagues ... Trained under legendary figures Harley Race and Dory Funk Jr. ... Feuding with Robert Anthony and Tony Scarpone in 3XW ... He and Gage Octane comprise the tag team known as The Blue Chippers ... Calls his crushing finisher the "Devastator."

441 TANK (5'10", 330, 6, NL) Heavyweight from Montreal is a three-time NCW tag team champion, as part of the Armes De Destruction Massif stable with Mad Dog and Damian Steele ... Known throughout Quebec as the "Greek Powerhouse" ... Captured the FLQ title back in November, defeating Marc Monaco, but vacated the belt a month later ... Dispensed with manager Misty Haven in February and has been flying solo since ... Teamed with Dru Onyx to defeat The Twin Terrors on a June NWA Quebec card ... Uses a fire-thunder driver he calls the "Tankster" to finish his opponents.

442 SOLDIER ANT (5'8", 162, 2, NL) Insectoid grappler is one-third of The Colony, along with Fire Ant and Worker Ant in the Pennsylvania-based CHIKARA promotion ... Known for his array of saluting moves, including a saluting headscissor and saluting tope suicida ... Embroiled in a bitter rivalry with Ruckus, Sabian, and Joker in 2007 ... Cleanly pinned Sabian in April in tag action ... Was eliminated in the opening round of the fifth annual Young Lions Cup by ROH standout Rhett Titus ... Signature move is the saluting headbutt from the top rope.

443 JUSTIN WHITE (5'6", 170, 2, NL) Quebec native first broke into the sport in Ireland, but now plies his trade back home in Canada ... In-ring antics earned him the nickname of "Superbrat" ... Took home the honors as NWA Rookie of the Year for 2006 ... Had a short reign as NWA British Commonwealth champ last year before losing to Paul Tracey in Ireland ... Spent some time in Los Angeles at the Inoki Dojo sharpening his mat game ... Recently debuted with IWS ... Is in pursuit of the Canadian title held by Maxime Boyer ... Makes opponents tap out to his jujigatamae armlock.

444 MICHAEL VON PAYTON (5'11", 235, 9, NL) Canadian heavyweight had his share of tough matches this past year, taking on stars such as Dustin Rhodes and Steve Corino ... Married to fellow pro wrestler Misty Haven ... A top star throughout the Quebec and Ontario provinces, he is relatively unknown outside of Canada ... In the past year alone, he has reigned as RWE heavyweight, CIWA heavyweight, AWA Quebec, and CPW tag team champion ... Finisher is a twisting uranage suplex known as the "Mindbender."

445 SABIAN (5'6", 162, 7, 392) Undersized competitor is nothing short of a spark plug, dazzling fans with his quick, explosive offense and surprising strength ... Currently co-holds both the

CZW and MCW tag team titles ... Part of the Blackout stable that also includes Ruckus, Joker, and Eddie Kingston ... Feuding with the members of The Colony in CHIKARA ... A former CZW and UWA junior heavyweight champion ... Sometimes managed by Chrissy Rivera ... Teamed with Joker for May's Candido Cup Tag Team Tournament in IWA Mid-South, but they were eliminated by Davey Richards and B.J. Whitmer ... Likes to tie his opponents in a knot and then senton onto them from the top rope.

446 SHAWN COOK (5'9", 201, 9, 480) "Sexy" Shawn is a Midwest independent star who wrestles primarily for NWA Indiana, NWA Midwest, and New Era Wrestling ... Became the most hated wrestler in NWA Indiana after turning his back on longtime friend Billy Roc ... Currently in a feud with Roc over the NWA Indiana title, which Cook held as of press time ... Lost a tough match to TNA star Chris Harris and was handcuffed to his own partner, Dustin Lillard, after the match by Harris ... Finishing move is the "Blue Thunder Driver," a back suplex turned power bomb.

447 KAPU (5'8", 240, 26, NL) Native of Kalihi is the reigning IXWF/NWA Hawaii heavyweight champion ... Won the title from Kaimana in May 2006 and has held it ever since ... Also held the IXWF hardcore title



in the past ... Forms a regular tag team with Bushido ... His name translates to "The Forbidden" ... Retained his Hawaiian heavyweight title in a recent bout over Super Typhoon ... Successfully turned back the challenge of Sick Dog in April, thanks to the use of a foreign object ... Nicknamed "Hawaiian Madness" ... Brother of Hawaiian wrestler Tiki ... His pet move is the "Pumped-Up Elbowdrop."

448 MACE (6', 255, 9, NL) Menacing Texan brought his rough-and-tumble style to unfortunate opponents all year long ... Teams with Seth Shai as The Re-Gex ... Together, they've held a total of 10 separate tag team titles, four of which they have won in the past year ... Also won the Christian Wrestling Alliance tag title with "Dr. Death" Steve Williams, who was making a comeback from throat cancer ... This tag team specialist has also held over a dozen singles titles ... Feuding with IZW's Team Shenanigans, who have traded the tag title with The Re-Gex in their back-and-forth rivalry.

449 PIERRE-CARL OUELLET (6'1", 245, 20, NL) Three-time WWF tag champ as part of The Quebecers with Jacques Rougeau, this Canadian journeyman is one of his home country's top talents ... Was sidelined through a good chunk of 2006 with a biceps tear, but came back strong in 2007 ... Faced former tag partner Rhino (of TNA fame) in May, but was defeated ... Lends his voice to French-language broadcasts of TNA ... His May title match with IWS champ Viking ended in a no-contest, thanks to outside interference ... Agile big man effortlessly executes his "Cannonball" senton.

450 DYLAN STARR (5'11", 175, 2, NL) Young, impetuous, and extremely popular, Starr held the Texas All-Star Wrestling cruiserweight title through much of last year before losing it to longtime rival Justin Blaze in November 2006 ... Missed a month of action after sustaining a concussion at the hands of Blaze ... Regained the title from Blaze in March in their second barbed-wire death match ... That same month, teamed with Nick Daniels to win the TASW tag team title, making him a double champion for a brief time ... Dislocated his patella in May, leaving him sidelined at press time ... Uses the superkick and the shooting star press to finish off opponents.

451 SAL RINAURO (5'9", 185, 5, 227) Cocky Italian is a regular throughout the southeastern independents, including FIP, NWA Anarchy, and NWA Bluegrass ... With Tony Mamaluke, had a brief reign as Ring of Honor tag champs in 2005 ... Now teams with Jason Blade and Chasyn Rance as part of the Becky Bayless-managed Young, Rich, and Ready for Action stable ... Tried to take the FIP championship from Roderick Strong in April, but was defeated ... Challenged Mike Quackenbush for the IWA Deep South title in May, but couldn't capture that belt either ... Utilizes a terrific springboard enzuigiri.

452 ZACH GOWEN (6', 179, 4, NL) Former WWE stand-out continues to amaze audiences and defy the odds ... Lost his left leg to cancer at age eight, but did not let that stop him from realizing his dream ... Returned to TNA in October at Bound for Glory, competing in the Kevin Nash Invitational Battle Royal ... Toured the United States as part of The Insane Clown Posse's JCW ... Made his ROH debut last October in a match against Delirious ... Defeated Gargano to win the Cleveland All Pro junior heavyweight title in February ... An inspiration to fans everywhere.

453 JOHNNY PALAZZO (6', 220, 6, NL) The reigning African Wrestling Alliance cruiserweight champion has quickly become one of South Africa's hottest talents ... Retained his title in a brutal ladder match opposite Vinnie Vegas and William McQueen that garnered a swell of local publicity for the participants back in June ... Surprisingly powerful for a cruiserweight, he's more likely to be in a bloody brawl than a high-flying exhibition ... Known as the "Italian Stallion" ... Favorite move is the Ace crusher, which he can perform from virtually any angle or position.

454 AMIGO SUZUKI (5'7", 163, 4, 380) Japanese up-and-comer wrestles all throughout Mexico ... A protégé of Skayde and Negro Navarro ... Wears a red, white, and green sarape to the ring, and usually dons a sombrero ... Failed in his May title shot against UWA lightweight champion Lionel Knight ... Sent to the U.S. as a representative of Ultimo Dragon's Mexico gym

for CHIKARA's fifth annual Young Lions Cup in June ... Defeated the NWA's Rex Sterling before being ousted in the semifinal round by Lince Dorado ... Previously wrestled under the name Chuichiro Arai ... Executes one of the most graceful tiger suplexes you'll ever see.

455 LUKE HAWX (6', 195, 8, NL) Became nationally known during the brief run of Wrestling Society X on MTV ... Has spent much of his career in the California independents ... A regular with CZW and PWU in the past year ... Locked in a heated rivalry with Aramis in PWU ... Beat Aramis in a three-way dance that also included Lucky in April ... Formed a successful duo with Alkatrazz in WSX ... Lost a tough match to Vampiro in February ... Away from wrestling, Hawx is a budding actor ... Executes an effortless 450 splash.



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456 TONY TORRES (5'11", 230, 5, NL) Streetwise Bronx native competes in the New Jersey-based Independent Wrestling Federation, having graduated from the promotion's wrestling school in 2003 ... Wore the IWF heavyweight belt for eight months before losing the title to Franciz in controversial fashion in July ... Torres had already hit his patented "Bronx Bomb" finisher when members of IWF Commissioner Rich Ross' "Family" distracted the referee and allowed Franciz to recover and hit a spinning sideslam for the pinfall ... A former IWF tag team

champion with Latin Revolution partner Antonio Rivera ... Proud Dominican-American wears his country's flag on his ring gear.

457 RONIN (6'1", 230, 4, NL) Masked man from California began his career at Revolution Pro, where he trained under Super Dragon before moving to Pro Wrestling Guerrilla ... Teamed sporadically with Kevin Steen and Excalibur, but was never made a full member of the SBS stable ... After SBS dissolved, he began teaming with Alex Koslov ... Split from Koslov last year and has been a singles wrestler ever since ... Competed in the 2006 Battle of Los Angeles tournament, falling to eventual winner Davey Richards ... So far this year, he's taken impressive wins over SHINGO, Matt Sydal, and Scott Lost ... Took his first victory over mentor Super Dragon in January ... Finishing maneuver is the Death Valley driver.

458 DANIEL CROSS (6'2", 260, 3, NL) The Harley Race Wrestling Academy graduate became the youngest WLW champion in history by winning the belt at age 20 from Wade Chism last August ... With partner Ace Steel, he wrestled KENTA and Naomichi Marufuji in September 2006 ... Lost the WLW championship to Trevor Murdoch in December ... With partner Dim T. Moore, he wrestled The Highlanders on Heat in February ... Toured with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan in April ... Teamed with Joe Legend for non-title matches against GHC tag champs Takeshi Rikioh and Jun Akiyama.

459 ERIC DRAVEN (6'1", 199, 15, NL) Has worn AWA Supreme heavyweight championship gold for eight months after winning the title from Chris Blayze ... Confines his activity chiefly to the Indiana and Kentucky areas ... Named after James O'Barr's famous comic book character "The Crow" ... Feuded with Rob Royal and The Blackhearts all year ... He and partner Johnny Stratlin are three-time AWA Supreme tag champs ... Together, they took a big win over The Rock 'n' Roll Express this past year ... Uses a triple-jump moonsault to end his matches.

460 WADE CHISM (6'2", 250, 6, NL) No-nonsense Missouri native "Wild Wade" is a regular with World League Wrestling ... A graduate of the Harley Race Wrestling Academy ... Became a five-time WLW heavyweight champion by defeating WWE developmental talent Keith Walker in a lumberjack match in July 2006 ... Lost the belt to Daniel Cross just one month later ... Completed his first tour with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan in October 2006 ... Became a three-time WLW tag team champion, winning the title with Mike DiBiase ... Featured numerous times on WWE programming ... Has a great Samoan drop.

461 HENTAI (5'5", 175, 9, NL) Veteran cruiserweight primarily appears in the Pittsburgh-based International Wrestling Cartel ... Spent much of 2006 in The Unholy Alliance with Shirley Doe, Sebastian Dark, Dean Radford, and Abyss ... Dominated his feud with Troy Lords for several months, injuring Lords' knee ... Lords finally got his revenge in November 2006 ... Made quick work of Brother Runt in the quarterfinals of this year's Super Indy Tournament ... Recently debuted for Cleveland All-Pro Wrestling, defeating Zach Gowen for the CAPW junior heavyweight title ... Appears with AZW in Hawaii, where he had a memorable match with Matt Cross ... Trained in both the United States and Japan, including a stint under the tutelage of Dory Funk Jr.

462 JOHNNY KASHMERE (5'9", 200, 9, NL) New Jersey native founded Pro Wrestling Unplugged and serves as trainer at its wrestling academy ... Feuded with The Sandman last year, before The Sandman headed to WWE ... Sporadically appears with the Insane Clown Posse's traveling JCW group ... Best known for his days teaming with Trent Acid as The Backseat Boyz ... The Backseats defeated the Angus Brothers at PWU's October 2006 tag team tournament, but were then eliminated by All Money is Legal ... Managed by Dewey Donovan and John House ... The "Cradlebreaker" is his pet finisher.

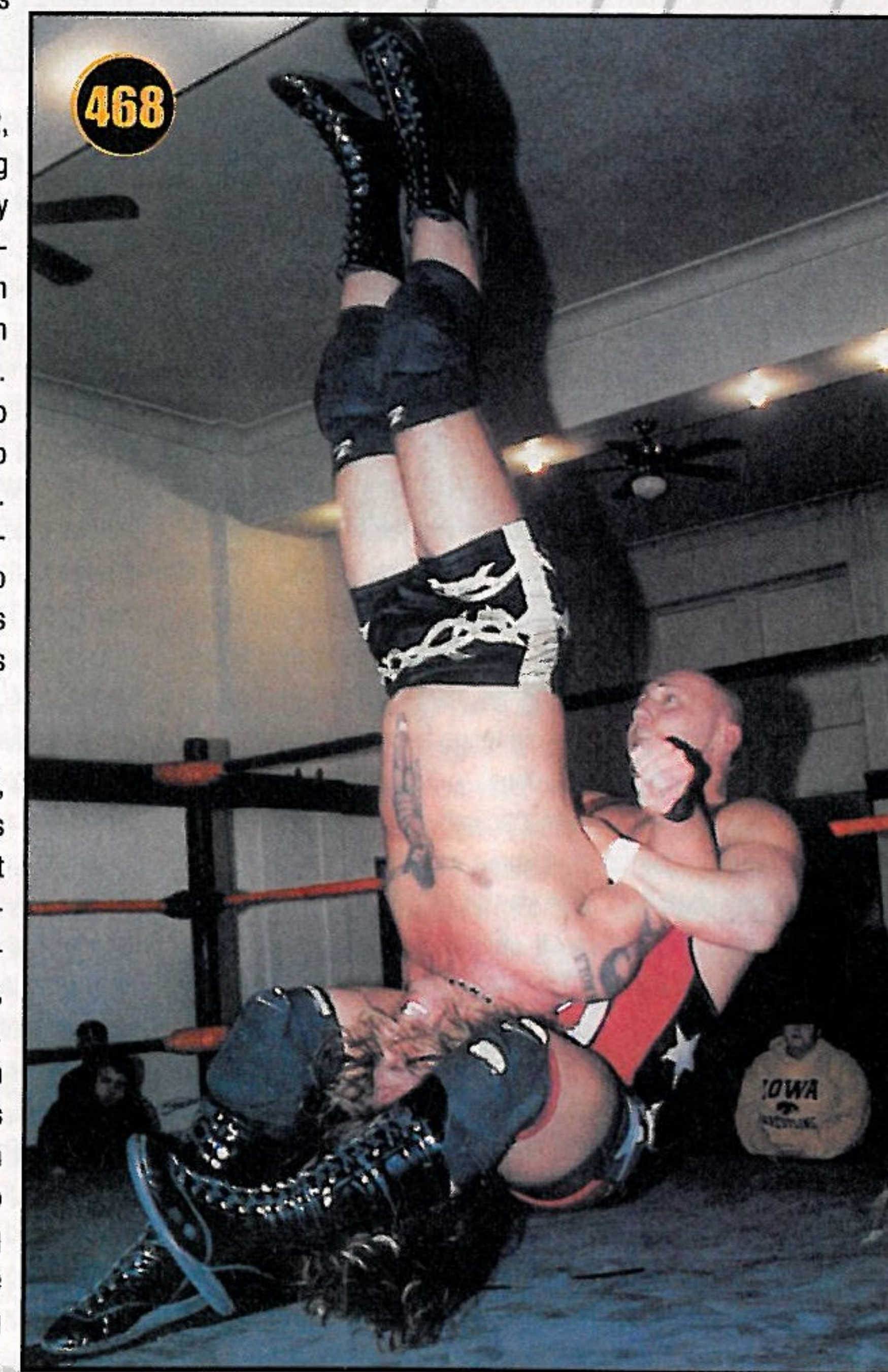
463 BINO GAMBINO (5'8", 202, 4, NL) Lost the Empire Wrestling Federation heavyweight title to Joey Harder in January and found the experience liberating ... Took off for Mexico in the wake of the loss, where he saw action with Ultimo Dragon's Toryumon ... Wrestled at Arena Mexico with Negro Navarro and Amigo Suzuki in May ... Also saw action in Naucalpan's IWRG group ... Defeated Johnny Starr in a loser-leaves-EWF match ... Competed some in Pro Wrestling Guerrilla, with limited success ... His signature submission is known as the "Gambino Tap Trap."

464 KIRBY MACK (5'11", 188, 6, NL) Once known as Crazy K, Mack has been on a roll, reigning as AWA light heavyweight champion almost continuously since July 2005 ... Made noteworthy defenses recently against Chris Sabin, Davey Richards, and Tony Kozina ... Teams with brother T.J. as Team Macktion ... They were AWA tag team champions for a stint last summer ... Appeared on TNA together last September, losing to LAX ... Team Macktion has been feuding with David Young and Elix Skipper in the UWF ... Amy Dumas has been helping them in the feud, which is no coincidence,

as both are protégés of The Hardys ... Finisher is the "OverDoze."

465 CHASYN RANCE (5'9", 187, 8, 450) Formed a group with Steve Madison known as the YRR (Young, Rich, & Ready for Action) in Florida's FIP ... Recruited others such as Kenny King and Sal Rinauro and ran through FIP's roster, taking wins over Sean Waltman, Roderick Strong, Erick Stevens, and Colt Cabana ... Competed for TNA, facing stars such as Monty Brown and LAX this past year ... Participated in the first YaPro Cup, defeating Nooie Lee and Jerrelle Clark before falling in the finals to Erick Stevens ... Captured the AWA World-1 CQPW championship and reclaimed the Sunray cruiserweight title this past year.

466 JOHN KERMION (5'10", 194, 7, NL) "Rampage" John began his career as an overweight rookie and has transformed himself into a physical specimen over the past few years ... Virginia native has a hot temper, sometimes ignoring the referee's orders to the point of losing by disqualification ... The former KYDA heavyweight champion is embroiled in an intense feud with current champion Christian York ... In the Delaware-based ECWA, he goes by the name Kermion the German ... Teams in ECWA with Max Von Bauer as The Berlin Bad Boys.



467 SHAYNE HAWKE (5'8", 176, 5, NL) Obnoxious Montreal native has started to break out not just north of the border, but in the U.S. as well ... Fared well in CHIKARA's fifth annual Young Lions Cup tournament, beating Tim Donst before falling to Billy Roc in the semifinals ... Hot temper often causes the redhead to lose focus in mid-match ... Beat rival Player Uno in May under controversial circumstances ... Lost his biggest match ever, to indy veteran Mike Quackenbush, in June ... His "Toma-Hawke" finisher drives opponents face-first into the canvas.

468 DANNY DANIELS (5'8", 215, 10, 404) Owner of All-American Wrestling in the Midwest, he's also seen action in Ohio Championship Wrestling and WAR ... His 2006 feud with Egotistico Fantastico (Robert Anthony) ended when Egotistico signed his WWE developmental deal, and Daniels never got his revenge ... Lost the NWA Midwest Heartland title to Ryan Boz after an 18-month reign ... Lost a title bout against Florida Heritage champ Erick Stevens in May ... Feuding with students Marek Brave and Tyler Black, with whom he once tagged ... Took a month off in January after a severe beating from Black ... The two are now bitter enemies ... Favorite move is the piledriver.

469 JOEY HARDER (5'10", 193, 3, NL) The franchise player of California's Empire Wrestling Federation, he's been cruiserweight, tag team, and heavyweight champion all within the past year ... Teams with Hook Bomberry as The Iron Express ... The championship duo is always at each other's throats, even when they're winning ... Defeated Bino Gambino in January to become EWF heavyweight champion ... Held the belt until the end of June when he was unseated by Dan Kobrick ... Also competes for Battleground Pro in Southern California ... His fall-away slam variation is known as the "Hard Way."

470 TED DIBIASE JR. (6'4", 230, 1, NL) A graduate of the Harley Race Wrestling Academy, Ted Jr. debuted in July of last year with his legendary father, "The Million-Dollar Man," looking on ... Worked his way up in WLW and earned a few title matches ... Toured with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan in April ... Was asked to return for a second tour in May ... Lost a tough match in June to Akitoshi Saito ... Received a WWE developmental contract and is assigned to Florida Championship Wrestling ... His signature move is called the "Dream Crusher."

471 BOBBY 2 BADD (6'4", 224, 8, NL) A wild and rugged veteran trained by Necro Butcher, Bobby has become a perennial favorite in Texas All-Star Wrestling ... One of only two men to achieve the TASW grand slam, winning all four of the promotion's championships ... Has competed in several promotions throughout Texas, including NWA Southwest ... His eight-month reign as TASW hardcore champion was ended in March by Mr. Mayhem ... Holds victories over heavyweight champ Scott Zenzen, but various feuds have distracted him from pursuing the TASW title ... After a brief feud with T-Bone, has taken the monstrous newcomer under his wing, and the two are now a team ... Utilizes the "2 Badd Slam" to finish his matches.

472 DICK RICK (6'1", 220, 4, NL) Maryland native's model good looks and eye for fashion have earned him the reputation of being the Heartland Wrestling Association's only male diva ... Battled in a series of matches with Chad Collyer for the HWA heavyweight title, eventually going down in defeat in the fall of 2006 ... Took off for the West Coast in the wake of a loser-leaves-town match with Collyer, where he competed briefly for UPW ... In early-2007, he made his return to the HWA, more focused than ever on becoming the heavyweight champion ... The multi-talented Rick composed his own entrance music entitled "I Am Dick Rick."

473 JUSTYN GLORY (6', 210, 6, NL) Former AWA World Star heavyweight champion has been hot on the trail of Chris Triumph, whom he feels took "his" championship belt ... Has wrestled throughout the New England scene these past few years ... Held the heavyweight title in the New York-based Pro Wrestling Revolution group, where he's feuding with Lamar Braxton Porter ... Came close to beating Steve Corino in a number-one contender's match for the AWA title ... Forces his opponents into submission with his reverse Texas cloverleaf hold, which he calls the "Wrath Of Glory."

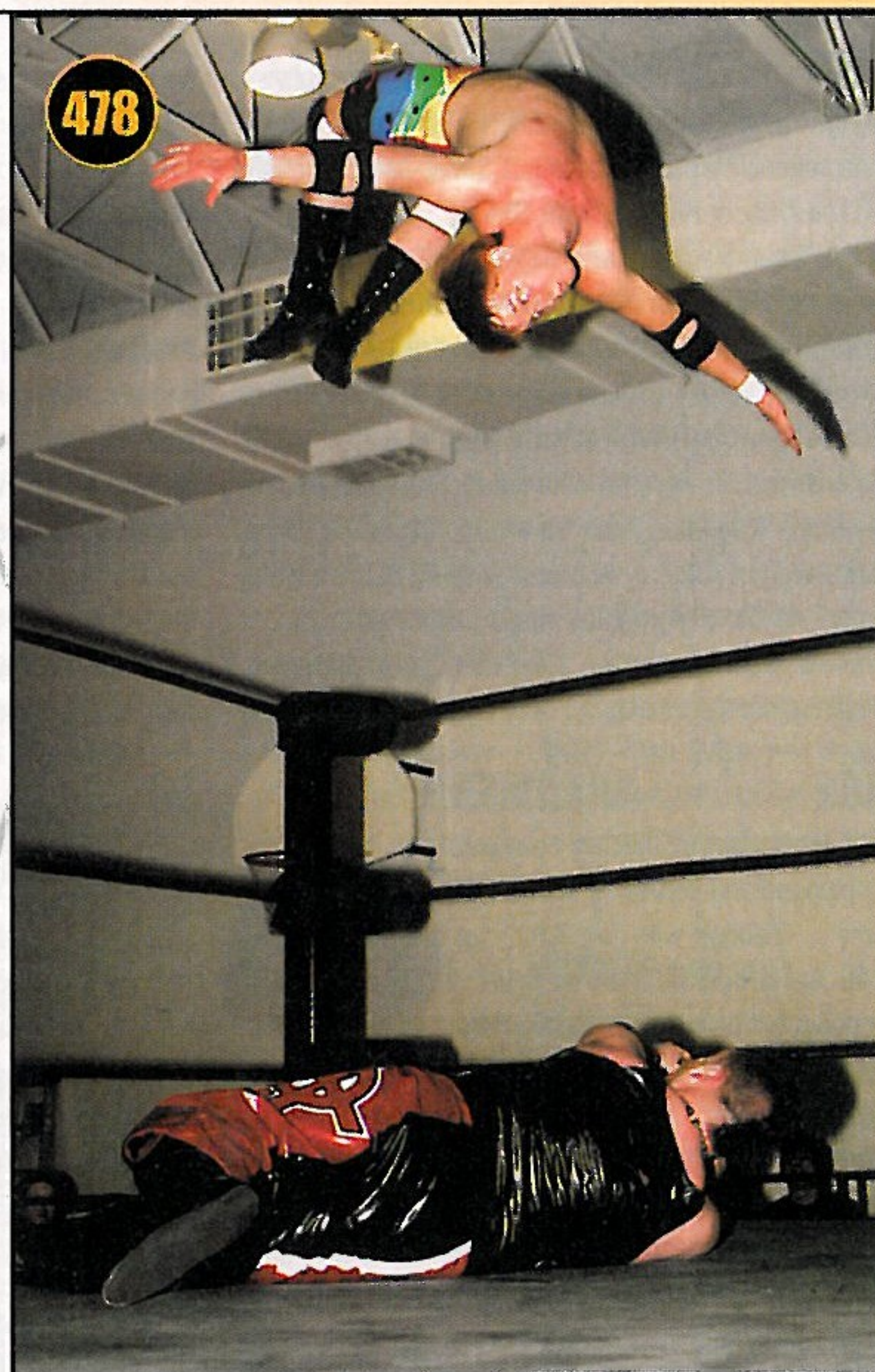
474 J.T. STAHR (6', 190, 5, NL) Independent wrestler from Nova Scotia makes his home in the Ohio-based Heartland Wrestling Association ... The self-proclaimed "Metric Mandingo," Stahr came close to winning both the HWA heavyweight and TV titles over the past year, but it was in the tournament for the resurrected HWA Bar Room Brawler Trophy where J.T. shined ... He defeated both Terik the Great and Ed Gonzalez in April to win the prize ... Has appeared on Ring of Honor "Do Or Die" cards, where he's looked impressive ... Finishes off the competition with a move he calls "Chocolate Thunder."

475 SHANE MATTHEWS (5'10", 188, 5, 393) Loudmouthed Canadian is best known for his tag team with Jagged ... Was sidelined for part of 2006 with a knee injury ... Competes all over Canada and in the States with groups such as IWA Mid-South and CHIKARA ... Teamed with Jagged and Maxime Boyer for February's King of Trios tournament in Pennsylvania, but was beaten by eventual winners Mike Quackenbush, Jigsaw, and Shane Storm ... He and Jagged advanced over The North Star Express in May's Candido Cup tag tournament before losing to Cheech and Cloudy ... The "Dario Effect" is his finisher of choice.

476 REX STERLING (5'8", 170, 3, NL) NWA star made quite an impact this year, first winning the WZW heavyweight title at the first annual RAGE Carter Cup in February ... Lost to Damien Wayne in his ROH debut in June ... Three weeks later, he participated in CHIKARA's fifth annual Young Lions Cup as a representative of the NWA; he was eliminated by Amigo Suzuki ... Nickname is the "Rising Star" ... A semi-regular with FIP in Florida, this North Carolina native has started to branch out in 2007 ... Feuding with Sean Denny in the Mid-Atlantic states ... Throws a wicked superkick.

477 JASON GORY (5'6", 160, 3, NL) The young high-flyer has grown to become one of the top prospects in the Pittsburgh-based International Wrestling Cartel ... Feuded with Larry Sweeney last year over the ICW/ICWA Texarkana TV title ... The feud quickly became violent when Sweeney pile-drove Gory outside the ring ... Recovered and defeated Sweeney in an "Eye Of The Hurricane" match ... Switched his focus to tag team wrestling, pairing with Shiima Xion ... The duo captured the IWC tag team title in December ... Lost the belts to The Gambinos after three months ... Won a four-way match to capture the IWC Super Indy title in May ... Finishes off opponents with a tombstone variation called "Trepidation."

478 DARIN CORBIN (5'10", 195, 3, 439) Minnesota native is one-half of the 3XW tag team champion North Star Express with Ryan Cruz ... Challenged Claudio Castagnoli and Chris Hero for CHIKARA's Campeonatos de Parejas in September, but faced defeat in the final fall ... Competed in IWA Mid-South's Candido Cup ... Wears an LED scrolling belt to the ring with insulting messages for his



opponents or the audience ... Defeated his mentor, Arik Cannon, for the IWA heavyweight title, then lost it to Trik Davis ... Participated in the 2007 edition of CHIKARA's Young Lions Cup ... Scored the biggest win of his career by pinning Jerry Lynn.

479 HOOK BOMBERRY (5'7", 185, 6, NL) California independent works all over the state, but is at home in the Empire Wrestling Federation ... Held the EWF tag team title with Joey Harder, and they reigned for seven months until losing in April to Brandon Nitro and Johnny Dynamite ... Couldn't take Ryan Taylor's EWF cruiserweight belt from him in their recent title bout ... Defeated Kageki Pro star Kagrre in May ... Got his start at Pro Wrestling Iron, and has also been seen in Pro Wrestling Guerrilla from time to time ... Likes to use the Michinoku driver on unsuspecting opponents.

480 MIKE DiBIASE (6', 200, 1, NL) A graduate of the Harley Race Wrestling Academy, this third-generation wrestler made his debut in World League Wrestling in July 2006, teaming with his brother, Ted DiBiase Jr. while his dad, Ted Sr., observed ... In September, Mike was selected to tour with Pro Wrestling NOAH in Japan, but was unable to go due to a knee injury ... In December, DiBiase and Wade Chism ended the year-long reign of WLW tag team champions Ty Dalton and Angelo in St. Louis ... They had to relinquish the belts in March because of DiBiase's knee injury.

481 SHANE VALENTINE (5'9", 205, 2, NL) The "Ace Of Hearts" in Pennsylvania's Pro Wrestling Entertainment group, this muscular youngster is turning heads wherever he goes ... The more successful half of "Simply The Best," his on-again, off-again tag team with Jey Graham ... Spent most of the past 12 months fighting Gran Akuma and Icarus for the PWE tag team championship ... Held the belts until April, when they were defeated by Los Ice Creams ... Competed in last year's Young Lions Cup for CHIKARA ... A favorite of female fans ... Uses a tiger driver to end his matches.

482 ANTHONY BISHOP (6', 218, 6, NL) Texas-based independent wrestler ditched his "Prodigy" nickname and is now "All That" ... Spent two years on the sidelines after suffering a broken neck ... He returned in top form in the summer of 2006 ... Had several bloody battles with his ex-partner, Dark Clown, culminating in the unmasking of his rival ... Won the XMW suicide title from Dark Clown in October of last year and held it for five months ... Lost a loser-leaves-West Virginia match to A.J. Rayne that effectively ended his partnership with Aaron Phillips ... In pursuit of the Coastal Wrestling Federation heavyweight title.

483 TRACY SMOTHERS (6'1", 227, 25, 409) The ageless veteran is still going as strong as ever and threatening "Ultra Mega Mass Homicide" to all that oppose him ... Appeared several times for 1PW in England as a top contender to the 1PW tag title with partner Chris Hamrick ... Had several tough encounters with Al Snow in England ... Stayed in Europe for a three-month tour at the tail-end of 2006 ... Returned to Cleveland All Pro Wrestling early this year and defeated Claudio Castagnoli for the CAPW heavyweight title ... Has successfully defended the title against men such as Rhino and Buff Bagwell ... As crafty and conniving as ever, Tracy is still "fightin' for his life," but he rarely loses.

484 MASON CHILDS (6', 198, 5, NL) Top star of Australian independent Pro Wrestling Alliance Queensland, Childs has proven his dominance all year long, including capturing the PWA International championship ... Took a key win over American independent Chris Hero in May ... That same month, he scored submission wins over Champagne Pyro, Dal Knox, and Davey Deluxeo ... Retained his title in a hard-fought bout with Damian Slater in July ... Hails from the Gold Coast of Queensland ... Has also reigned as IPW New Zealand champion in the past ... Just 24 years of age, he's already developed into one of the Australian continent's most well-rounded athletes ... Makes his opponents tap out to his signature "Dragon Necklock."

485 ALA HUSSEIN (5'11", 205, 4, NL) The self-proclaimed "Wacky Iraqi" captured the HWA tag team title with Quinten Lee last September ... After

losing the belts to The Irish Airborne and being unable to regain them, Hussein and Lee fired their long-time manager, Patrick Black, and decide to go their separate ways ... Hussein is known for using a fork on his opponents, which pleased the bloodthirsty fans of the HWA ... Also competes for Buckeye Pro Wrestling in Ohio ... A master of the camel clutch.

486 MATT RIVIERA (6'2", 241, 3, 486) Hard-working and long-traveling independent wrestler has had a busy year, competing for Mid-South Pro Wrestling, NWA Universal, Arkansas Wrestling Entertainment, and Rampage Pro Wrestling for starters ... Tag team partner is Jeff Jett and together they are known as Reckage & Romance ... In March, they beat Tony Gunn and Don Bass to win the vacant MSPW tag team title ... Fined \$1,500 when he bodyslammed MSPW official Josh Hogan in a match when he was on the verge of defeat ... Manager Boyd Bradford is usually on hand to shine his shoes ... Signature move is the "One Night Stand."



487 CORPORAL ROBINSON (6'2", 255, 9, NL) Veteran of hardcore and death matches gives it his all on tour with the Insane Clown Posse's JCW, as well as with the Pennsylvania-based Pro Wrestling Unplugged ... In the past year, he has held the JCW heavyweight, PWU hardcore, and MAW tag team title (with Hardcore Craig) ... Feuding with Mitch Page and Trent Acid ... He and 2 Tuff Tony are collectively known as The Hatchet Boyz ... They handed The Iron Saints one of their only losses this year ... His combination cobra clutch with a Russian leg sweep is known as the "Boot Camp."

488 JEY GRAHAM (5'9", 195, 2, NL) Son of independent veteran Johnny Graham, Jey makes his home in Pennsylvania-based Pro Wrestling Entertainment, where he's held tag team gold ... Forms a championship duo with Shane Valentine, and has also been a tag champ with his father ...

Graham and Valentine reigned as PWE tag champs for 11 months before being beaten in April by Los Ice Creams ... Recently debuted in West Virginia with Championship Pro Wrestling ... Spent a little time on the sidelines in 2006 following a knee injury ... Knocks opponents out cold with his terrific superkick.

489 AZRIEAL (5'9", 175, 5, NL) Independent wrestler from New York carved out his niche of regional fame on the New Jersey circuit ... Calls himself "Da Good Guy," which more often than not is false ... Currently holds the Jersey All-Pro Wrestling tag team title with Jay Lethal ... Also a three-time former JAPW lightweight champ ... Defeated Nobutaka Moribe in the International Wrestling Cartel to qualify for the sixth annual Super Indy Tournament ... Defeated Sonjay Dutt in the Super Indy quarterfi-

nals in May before narrowly losing to eventual winner Larry Sweeney in the semifinals ... Made his return to Ring of Honor in June, teaming with Deranged ... Finishes opponents with a sickening move he calls "South Of Heaven."

490 RICHARD PHILLIPS (6'3", 350, 6, NL) Independent wrestler from Daytona Beach makes his home at the Heartland Wrestling Association ... Nickname is "Déjà Vu," but his tremendous size has caused him to be re-dubbed "Big Vu" by the fans of the HWA ... Teams with Andre Heart to form The GP (Gangsta Pimp) Code ... Known as a gentle giant outside the ring, but, inside the ring, he can be as dangerous as a grizzly bear if provoked ... Put Sean Casey out of action with a broken ankle after an incident involving a tanning bed and a thong ... Possesses tremendous stamina for a man his size ... Crushes foes with his big splash.

491 JUSTIN BLAZE (5'5", 140, 4, NL) Despite enjoying a successful career as an underdog favorite in Texas All-Star Wrestling, Blaze changed his stripes during a long, frustrating losing streak ... His attitude change has reversed his fortunes ... Traded the Texas All-Star Wrestling cruiserweight title with perennial rival Dylan Starr ... Formed a winning tag team with former rival Riley Burke and they are pursuing the TASW tag title ... Among the smallest professional wrestlers in Texas, Blaze has also appeared in GCPW and QFC ... Mastered the Canadian destroyer piledriver made famous by Petey Williams.

492 DUSTIN THOMAS (6'6", 280, 3, NL) Midwest independent enjoyed his greatest success this year in the Cincinnati area ... Held the Northern Wrestling Federation's Bonecrushers title for 18 months, simultaneously holding the NWF tag team title with King Kahuna ... His faction, The Protected Ones, consisting of Roger Ruffen and Ryan Stone, spent most of the year feuding with Abyss and Chris Harris of TNA fame ... A top contender for the Buckeye Pro Wrestling heavyweight title ... Lost a close match to Kip James in South Bend, Indiana ... Uses the sit-down chokeslam as his finishing maneuver.

493 JOEY SPECTOR (5'6", 180, 6, NL) A mainstay of River City Wrestling in Texas, this cruiserweight has been wrestling since the tender age of 16 ... Held the RCW tag team title with Wally Darkmon last year, and then picked up the nickname "Ring King" ... Now part of the Hardbodies stable with Andy Dalton and J.T. Lamotta, and they are the reigning RCW tag champs ... Competes with NWA affiliate throughout Georgia, Mississippi, and Louisiana ... Had a hard time in bouts with Hotstuff Hernandez and Kazushi Miyamoto this past year ... Uses a reverse face-buster move he has dubbed the "Time-ENDER."

494 EMIL SITOCI (6', 183, 6, 359) This grappler from Ede, Netherlands, has started to show a bit of a narcissistic streak in the past year or so ... Wrestles everywhere from Austria to Belgium, and as far north as Norway ... In the past year, he's even toured South Africa, with past stops in the U.S. to his credit ... Had a long reign as WXW lightweight champion in Germany before being unseated by fellow Dutch wrestler Tommy End in September of last year, ending his reign of just over 14

months ... Had his highest-profile singles match to date in July, when he wrestled top Dragon Gate star CIMA ... A former FCW lightweight champion, he is currently the FCW Netherlands champ ... Career has cooled off a bit since last year.

495 ERIC FANTABULOUS (6'1", 229, 6, NL) Considers himself to be "the hooligan" of pro wrestling, but don't tell that to CMLL star Hooligan ... Smashmouth style has brought him singles success in Midwest Wrestling Alliance, NWA Midwest, and the West Texas Wrestling Alliance, but he's best known for his mat skills ... Has held both the MWA (Omaha) championship, and the MWA TV title ... Lost the MWA belt to Blade in a cage match in June ... Managed by Amy Ireland ... Has competed in Australia, where he's won gold with Oceana Pro ... Uses the "Falcon Arrow" to put opponents down for the three-count.

496 PATRICK BRINK (6'3", 245, 7, NL) Maryland independent was formerly known as Genesis ... Teamed with The Bruiser to defeat Scott Fowler and Jason Static for the Maryland Championship Wrestling tag team title ... Genesis and Bruiser became the most dominant duo in MCW since the promotion's resurrection in 2006 ... Lost the belts to Kelly Bell and Buzz Stryker last December ... The Bruiser turned against Genesis later that night ... Dropped the Genesis name at that point ... Now a fan favorite ... Still feuding with his former mentor, The Bruiser ... Utilizes leg-

drops, clotheslines, and even shoulder tackles from the top rope ... Warns opponents that they are on the "brink of disaster."

497 QUICKSILVER (6', 174, 4, 373) This high-flyer from California is best known as a tag team wrestler ... Spent the first two years of his career teaming with Scorpio Sky as The Aerial Xpress ... Voted Southern California Tag Team of the Year several years running ... Teamed with El Generico throughout 2006 as Cape Fear, finally winning the PWG tag team title in December ... Held the PWG tag team championship three times, once with Chris Bosh, once with Scorpio Sky, and once with El Generico ... Forced to vacate the title in March due to numerous concussions ... Signature move is the "Silverado" spinebuster.

498 BRIAN BLADE (6'3", 250, 4, NL) Independent Nebraskan grew up idolizing Hulk Hogan, and even uses the big boot routinely ... Along with his trainer and tag team partner Austin Storm, Blade has risen through the ranks of the Texas-based XCW, even main-eventing one of their recent On Demand pay-per-view programs ... Defeated Eric Fantabulous in a violent steel cage match in Omaha to capture the MWA title ... Regularly appears in Kansas, Iowa, and other Midwestern states ... Not afraid to break the rules if it suits his ends ... Calls his variation of the F-5 the "Slingblade."

499 VINCENT NOTHING (6'2", 223, 3, NL) Forms the team Faith in Nothing with tag partner Christian Faith ... Captured the CAPW tag title in the fall of 2006 and has been virtually unstoppable ever since ... Defeated top contenders Irish Airborne and Virus & Unknown in an incredible ladder match ... Also competes for Hybrid Wrestling and Mega Championship Wrestling ... Brings an incomparable intensity and aggression to matches ... Signature move is called the "2-1-(SIC)."

500 ANDRE HEART (5'11", 165, 6, NL) Florida native has been working hard last year to gain some recognition throughout the independent circuit ... Teams with his life-long best friend, "Déjà Vu" Richard Phillips, to form the GP Code in the Cincinnati-based Heartland Wrestling Association ... Held his own against mixed martial artist (and one of the stars of season one of *The Ultimate Fighter*) Josh Rafferty ... Known as the "Sweet Sexy Sensation" for his moves with the ladies and as the "Sultan Of The Springboard" for his moves in the ring ... A true underdog, Andre is the smallest guy on the HWA roster, but don't tell him that ... Calls his signature move the "Unsexier."



The list of active wrestlers is always changing. Since last year's "PWI 500" was published, some wrestlers have migrated to different federations or changed their names. Others are now injured, inactive, or retired. Still others have been dropped from this year's survey for other reasons.

Keys are as follows (D) deceased; (DL) disabled list throughout a major portion of the year; (I) inactive; (NC) name change; (NL) not listed; (R) retired.

Josh Abercrombie (NL)	Shirley Doe (NL)	Lash LeRoux (NL)	Ryouji Sai (NL)
Mikal Adryan (NL)	Tyson Dux (NL)	Brock Lesnar (NL)	El Samurai (NL)
Akebono (NL)	Eddie Edwards (NL)	Bryan Logan (NC)	Tony Santarelli (NL)
Akira (NL)	Electroshock (NL)	Troy Lords (NL)	Kohei Sato (NL)
Alebrije (NL)	Equinox (NL)	Andre Lyonz (NL)	Scorpio Jr. (NL)
Antifaz del Norte (NL)	Eric Everlast (NL)	Machete (NL)	Sonny Siaki (NL)
Kennichiro Arai (NL)	Extreme Tiger (NL)	Rodney Mack (NL)	Silver King (NL)
Arkangel de la Muerte (NL)	Jody Fleisch (NL)	Quinn Magnum (NL)	Andy Boy Simmonz (NL)
Antonio Banks (NC)	Mick Foley (NL)	Tokyo Magnum (NL)	Seth Skyfire (NL)
Billy Bart (NL)	Freakin' Deacon (NC)	Kevin Matthews (NL)	Norman Smiley (NL)
Don Basher (NL)	Nick Gage (NL)	Nate Mattson (NL)	Al Snow (NL)
Mikey Batts (NL)	G.Q. Gallo (NL)	Mazada (NL)	Glenn Spectre (NL)
B-Boy (NL)	Marshall Gambino (NL)	John McChesney (NL)	Spud (NL)
Chris Benoit (D)	Mickey Gambino (NL)	M-Dogg (NC)	Jason Static (NL)
Black Tiger IV (NL)	Danny Gimondo (NL)	Men's Teioh (NL)	Lance Steel (NL)
Black Thunder (NL)	Tony Givens (NL)	Mr. Mexico (NL)	Alan Stone (NL)
Blue Panther (NL)	Ray Gordy (NC)	Mikami (NL)	Johnny Storm (NL)
Blue Demon Jr. (NL)	Tasutoshi Goto (NL)	Milanito Collection A.T. (NL)	Stronko (NL)
Bolen (NL)	Johnny Graham (NL)	Misterioso II (NL)	Suwa (NL)
D-Lo Brown (NL)	Dennis Gregory (NL)	Masaaki Mochizuki (NL)	Kohei Suwama (NL)
Monty Brown (NC)	Groon XXX (NL)	Matt Morgan (NL)	Kenzo Suzuki (NL)
Bruiser (NL)	Gran Hamada (NL)	Rey Mysterio Jr. (DL)	Yoshihiro Tajiri (NL)
Bull Buchanan (NL)	Hombre Sin Nombre (NL)	Prince Nana (NL)	Tatsuhito Takaiwa (NL)
Jack Bull (NL)	Tamon Honda (NL)	Kevin Nash (R)	Katsushi Takemura (NL)
Darren Burridge (NL)	Hooligan (NL)	Derrick Neikirk (NL)	Masato Tanaka (NL)
Chris Cage (NL)	Horrorshow (NL)	Mr. Niebla (NL)	Minoru Tanaka (NC)
El Canek (NL)	Larry Huntley (NL)	Nitro (NL)	Tarzan Boy (NL)
Chaz (NL)	Wataru Inoue (NL)	Johnny Nitro (NC)	Tatanka (NL)
Cheech (NL)	Ryuji Ito (NL)	Shinjitsu Nohashi (NL)	Mike Taylor (NL)
Masa Chono (NL)	Beau James (NL)	Nosawa (NL)	Tengkwa (NL)
Riki Choshu (NL)	Bradley Jay (NC)	Shigeo Okumura (NL)	Genichiro Tenryu (NL)
Brian Christopher (NL)	Joker (NL)	Roughhouse O'Reilly (NL)	El Terrible (NL)
Shawn Christopher (NL)	Mac Daddy Johnson (NL)	Toru Owashi (NL)	Test (NC)
Francisco Ciatso (NL)	Kahagas (NL)	Mike Paige (NL)	Tiger Mask I (NL)
Cloudy (NL)	Kamikaze Kid (NL)	Johnny Parisi (NL)	Tigre Blanco (NL)
Chad Collyer (NL)	Yoshinobu Kanemaru (NL)	Pepper Parks (NL)	Tigre Metalico (NL)
Crazy Boy (NL)	Kid Kash (NL)	Boomer Payne (NL)	Chad Toland (NL)
Crossbones (NL)	Vries Kastelein (NL)	Eric Perez (NL)	Virus (NL)
Ryan Cruz (NL)	Conrad Kennedy III (NL)	Puma (NC)	Viscera (NC)
El Dandy (NL)	Arch Kincaid (NL)	Preston Quinn (NL)	Dr. X (NL)
Phil Davis (NL)	Joey Knight (NL)	Razor Ramon H.G. (NL)	Xavier (DL)
Sean Davis (NL)	Kevin Knight (NL)	Ryan Reeves (NL)	Naofumi Yamamoto (NL)
Simon Dean (NL)	Robin Knightwing (NL)	Takeshi Rikio (NL)	Yutaka Yoshie (NL)
Super Delfin (NL)	Kenta Kobashi (NL)	Cassidy Riley (NC)	Niles Young (NL)
Simon Diamond (NL)	Konnan (DL)	Tony Rivera (NL)	
Julio Dinero (NL)	Tony Kozina (NL)	Roadkill (NC)	
Kenny Doane (NC)	John Bradshaw Layfield (R)	Mascara Sagrada (NL)	